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YUGOSLAVIA'S RELATIONS WITH WEST "BETTER"

Belgrade, Dec. 27.—M. Eduard Kardelj, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, told the National Assembly here today that his country's relations with the United States, Britain and France had recently become "better."

He added that there was nothing in those relations that would influence either the internal or the foreign policy of Yugoslavia.

M. Kardelj, who was reviewing Yugoslavia's foreign policy during the past year, claimed that increased trade relations and loans with the West were making Yugoslavia "stronger economically and politically."

Referring to the Cominform dispute, M. Kardelj said that Yugoslavia was "prepared to come to an agreement but only on a basis of mutual respect and equality."

The Yugoslav Government does not belong to any bloc," he declared. It was the "organ of the Yugoslav people who will not submit to any hegemony regardless of its colour."

The Foreign Minister then continued to review Yugoslavia's foreign policy with various countries:

Italy: He said that there was no reason why Yugoslavia should not have close relations with Italy and claimed that his Government had several times tried to minimise the causes of disagreement between the two nations.

"But when we talk about relations to Italy we must say that Italy should pay more attention to the Slovenes in Italy and give them national rights. However, we expect that this policy will be changed."

Trieste: "There can be no solution without Yugoslavia's participation. Only this can be in the interest of peace and security."

Greece: "We did not hide the sympathies for the Greek Democratic forces nor do we hide them today." He added that for the sake of good relations with Greece, Yugoslavia wished that the alleged "terror" there would stop because "otherwise Greece will remain unstable."

"Our relations with Greece depend very much on the internal situation," the Minister stated.

IMPORTANT FACTOR

Germany: M. Kardelj said that Yugoslavia has not recognised either the East or West German Governments "because we consider the country to be occupied." He added that his Government wanted to see Germany united because "we think Germany an important factor in Europe. We shall recognise the Government only after the occupation is over."

M. Kardelj added that Yugoslavia wanted commercial relations with both West and East Gemany but it was not responsible for the fact that there was no formal co-opera-

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Quirino Denies Romance

Manila, Dec. 28.—President Elpidio Quirino termed "fantastic" reports emanating from New York that he plans to marry 22-year-old Filipino opera singer Conchita Gaston.

Prior to her departure from Manila sometime ago, the pretty brunette singer's name was romantically linked with that of the widowed President in Manila newspapers after she had been a guest at several private parties attended by Mr Quirino.

The President at that time promptly denied any romance. He has repeated his denial a couple of times since, when the rumours were repeated from New York since Miss Gaston's debut in the role of "Carmen" with City Centre Opera Company.—Associated Press.

CHIEF INTEREST

New York, Dec. 27.—Conchita Gaston, beautiful Filipino opera star, denied today that she plans to marry the Philippine President, Mr Elpidio Quirino.

"Those are just gossip rumour," the 22-year-old brunette said of Manila reports linking her romantically with the President.

She said opera, not marriage, remains her chief interest.—Associated Press.

MR BEVIN IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 27.—Mr Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, arrived here tonight on the first stage of his journey to Colombo for the Commonwealth conference.

Replying to questions about his health, he said: "I feel all right."

Mr Bevin was met by Sir Oliver Harvey, British Ambassador in France. He leaves by the Rome Express at 7 p.m. tonight.—Reuter.

H.K. Prisoners Of War Hold Annual Dinner



At the annual dinner in London recently of the Hongkong (Argyle Street) POW Association: from left, Mr Ian Macgregor, Mr Barry Parks and Mr E. Cock. A report of the meeting appears as a Letter To The Editor on Page 5.

REDS SEEKING TO EDGE FOREIGNERS FROM CHINA

The Chinese Communists' policy towards foreigners appears to be to edge them out of China—at least from the interior, writes Chang Kuo-sin, United Press staff correspondent who has just arrived in Hongkong after an overland trip from Shanghai.

A number of foreign missionaries, after observing Chinese Communist rule during the past few months, are given to pessimism as regards the future.

One prominent American missionary, who for obvious reasons cannot be identified, told me that the Chinese Communists, although I avowedly guaranteeing freedom of religious belief, are out to eliminate freedom of religious action.

He said that the first blow against the Church has already been struck by the Chinese Communists, who closed 60 percent of the rural churches in Shantung Province and over 50 percent in Manchuria and Hopei. Officially, the Shantung churches were sealed because they were "private organisations", which are not permitted to exist, while no official reason has been given for the closure in Manchuria and Hopei.

HANDY WEAPON

A similar policy seems to be followed as regards foreign businessmen despite Mao Tse-tung's assertions that the Reds welcome foreign trade. According to all indications, the Reds do not intend to expel the foreigners officially, but make life so difficult that they will leave voluntarily.

One of the handiest weapons are travel restrictions, whereby foreigners living in the coastal cities are not permitted to visit out-station or make business trips to other cities. For example, the British manager of a large export firm in Nanking was unable to take his home leave because the Communist authorities did not allow his colleague in Hankow to travel to Nanking to replace him. They told the latter that he could have a permit to leave China but not one permitting transfer from one city to another.

COMPELLED TO SELL

Most foreigners believe that they will in the future be permitted to continue in business, but only in the larger cities and ports where they would do all the buying and selling. They believe that they will not be permitted to travel in the interior or maintain branches there after the present staff leaves. They believe that foreign firms with large properties in the interior of China —mostly British—will eventually be compelled to sell out to Chinese interests.

Missionary informants said that they have protested to Premier Chou En-lai against the closure of churches. The latter replied that the government would investigate, but no official action has been taken to reopen the churches. Some congregations have not been interfered with, but others are required to follow various regulations. Religious instruction has been banned in some schools, but elsewhere it is allowed to continue as a voluntary course.

In addition to the closing of churches, the Chinese Communists are also restricting the activities of missionaries. Some missionary sources said that this may be designed merely to eliminate foreign influence but to permit the indigenous clergy to remain.

NO LEGAL STANDING

At the present time, the Church has no legal standing, and some missionaries were told that they will have no legal protection as long as foreigners remain on the mission staff.

Travel restrictions are placed on foreign missionaries as well as foreign businessmen. Some missionaries in Anhwei province were not allowed to travel to Nanking even for medical treatment. However, they are being permitted to leave China altogether. Missionaries in Antung province are not allowed to move at all. American missionaries in Nanchang were questioned whether they were agents of the American government.

Apparently a great deal of authority is placed in the hands of local administrators who administer regulations in a number of different ways.

ROTARY SUSPECT

Chinese pastors are also finding life difficult in some places. In Chenkiang, 50 miles east of Nanking, Chinese pastors were required to register with the police and were questioned extensively about their attitude towards the Chinese Communists, their connection with the United States, and how they get financial support.

Other types of foreign establishments subject to suspicion are, for example, the Rotary clubs. All Rotary clubs in the Yangtse Valley, except in Nanking and Shanghai, have been compelled to disband, and Wusih Rotarians were questioned at weekly luncheons. The YMCA at Nanchang was searched, and files and documents examined in order to ascertain its connection with the American Government. —United Press.

NO FLYING SAUCERS

U.S. Air Force Report

Washington, Dec. 27.—The U.S. Air Force today said an exhaustive two-year investigation of scores of reports of strange, disc-like objects sweeping along at tremendous speeds had established that there was no such thing as a "flying saucer."

It said the reports resulted from "misinterpretation of various conventional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria or hoaxes."

The Air Force added that it had discontinued the special "Project Saucer" set up at Wright Field, Ohio, to study the objects because "there is no evidence the reports are not the result of natural phenomena."

The statement was made after True Magazine said in its current issue that certain authorities believed the "saucers" were interplanetary spaceships manned by small civilised beings.—United Press.

LI TSUNG-JEN IMPROVING

New York, Dec. 27.—The Presbyterian Medical Centre today announced that the Chinese Acting President, General Li Tsung-jen, "has made steady, satisfactory progress since his operation.

"The operation was the removal of a large portion of the stomach containing ulceration and inflammation. He is now up and walking around in his room and is taking gradually increasing amounts of food," the Centre said.

He has gained about five pounds since coming to the hospital. A pathological examination showed no evidence of cancer, so complete recovery is expected in a relatively short time."—United Press.

TRAMWAY SERVICE IS SUSPENDED

"Free Ride" Workers Sacked By Company

Hundreds of employees of the Hongkong Tramways Company gathered outside the padlocked doors of the Company's Russell Street depot early this morning when a notice was posted on the main gate informing all conductors who had failed to collect fares during the past four days that they were to be summarily dismissed today.

While police patrolmen maintained a vigilant guard outside all doors leading into the Company's premises, lorryloads of motorised police stood by to deal with any emergency that might arise. So far the Company reports that there have been no incidents.

The tramway depot at North Point was also locked and barricaded. A small party of police was on guard. Workers stood about in groups near the building, but there were likewise no incidents.

The notice posted on the main gate of the depot, signed by Mr W. F. Simmons, General Manager, says that because of the dismissals the Company will be compelled to withdraw trams from service for the time being.

OTHER EMPLOYEES

Motormen and gatemen, the notice states, are given one week's notice with effect from Friday, December 30, of termination of their employment. Until the notice expires they should report daily at the depot inspector's office at 9 a.m. for such duties as may be required of them.

The service of employees other than those already mentioned will remain unaffected.

Any man who wishes to be considered for re-engagement must be prepared faithfully to perform the terms of service.

All those dismissed, the notice concludes, may obtain a refund of their security money and or wages due to them on handing in all uniforms, passes and equipment at the traffic office on Friday.

WORKERS TO MEET

Leaders of the Tramways Workers' Union have called an emergency meeting of workers for this afternoon to discuss the situation.

The tramway company employs about 2,000 workmen of all grades.

It is estimated by a company official that in the past four days, over a million free rides were given because the conductors did not collect fares. It had cost the company about $200,000 in takings.

BIG CUT IN ECA DEMANDED

Washington, Dec. 27.—The Republican Senate leader, Mr Kenneth Wherry, today advocated a cut of US$1,500,000,000 in the Marshall Plan appropriation for the next fiscal year instead of the expected $1,000,000,000 cut.

In a statement to the press, Senator Wherry said: "Congress should take a firm hold on ECA. We should be thinking of procedures for transition from the present gifts and grants policy out of the pockets of American taxpayers to resumption of private enterprise."

He said production was now above prewar levels in ECA countries, whose problems "now can be solved only by themselves." He added: "A reduction of $1,500,000,000 in the ECA appropriation for the next fiscal year is amply guaranteed by conditions in ECA countries and by the deficit of the United States budget."

TRAGIC BLUNDER

Senator Wherry also accused the United States administration of a "tragic blunder" in policy towards China. As an illustration of the lack of non-partisan approach in foreign policy, Senator Wherry said:

"Neither Congress nor the American people were consulted in the Administration's betrayal of China into the hands of the Moscow-directed Communists of China.

"Some say our country and the world may pay dearly for this tragic blunder, this coddling of the Communists. I hope in the forthcoming session of Congress there will be thorough ventilation of the appalling failure of the Administration with respect to China and our vital interests in the Orient."

FULL ACCOUNTING

While calling for a reduction in Marshall Plan funds, Senator Wherry also said the people of the United States "must have a full, complete accounting for every dollar spent in the thousands of millions of their money that has been scattered over half the world."

"Every enlightened person knows it is to our country's advantage to see the free world prosper. We want to do all we can to further this prosperity, but we must not bankrupt our own country."—United Press.

Delay In Arms Shipments

Washington, Dec. 27.—American officials believe that United States arms and military equipment will begin moving to Western Europe about February 1—a month or so behind schedule.

This delayed start means that the Administration will have only five months to use the $1,000,000,000 which Congress appropriated to re-arm the Atlantic Pact countries.

Officials expressed confidence, however, that the fund could be spent or allocated within the time limit. Much of the delay stems from the unexpectedly long discussions with the British Government over explicit terms.—Reuter.

SYRIA STILL WITHOUT GOVERNMENT

Damascus, Dec. 27.—The Syrian Constituent Assembly today refused to accept the resignation of the President - elect, Hashim Atassi, submitted to it yesterday.

Khaled Azim, a former Prime Minister, is expected to form a new Cabinet tonight.

Army officers, led by Colonel Abix Shishakali, seized power on December 19, after arresting the Chief of Staff, General Sam Hinnawi, who took over in the same way himself only five months earlier.

Khaled Azim was asked last week to form a Cabinet but failed.

The President-elect, Atassi, then entrusted Hazim Kodsi with the Premiership.

After being in office for only 24 hours Kodsi resigned on Sunday night. No reason was given, but reports which reached Beirut, in neighbouring Lebanon, said that his action was due to censorship and control imposed by the Army on the actions of his Ministers.

Hashim Atassi, who has not yet taken his oath as President after being elected head of the State earlier this month, then also submitted his resignation.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Art Of Propaganda

THERE are all sorts of ways of propagating doctrines, ideas and systems, and the Russians have not been teaching the world anything new in the way of methods. The differences between propaganda in the Soviet Union today and in Nazi Germany or Fascist Italy before the war would be hard to discover, except in matters of degree and effectiveness. The All-Union Art Exhibition held recently in the Russian capital was a striking reminder of the sort of "art" exhibitions that glorified Hitler and Mussolini in the 'thirties. Flattery of rulers is as old as the existence of man, and the subservience of art to specific subject matters is by no means new. The interesting feature for all art lovers is to note the way the process destroys the quality of art. We have all seen photographs of the type of paintings and sculpture now being done in the Soviet Union, and in all the satellite countries, and the best that can be said of any of them is that they are sometimes academically or technically competent. An artist can be given a theme and still execute a great work, but he cannot be told how he must work, what his style must be, what details are permitted, what atmosphere and spirit, how he can live while he works, and, above all, what he must not do. Genius is free, imaginative, creative. Shackle it, and you get a dull stereotyped art which is as much a betrayal of truth as the false words used to bolster the same policies which that art is forced to serve. Whether it be a war of ideas or a war of words, the object is the same. General Walter Bedell Smith, former United States Ambassador to Soviet Russia, in his memoirs now appearing in a leading magazine, reveals how his confidence was betrayed by Molotov because the Russians wanted to score a point in the cold war with the West—and they did so in that case with telling effect. The basis in any and every case has to be a false standard, whether the mode of expression is painting or diplomacy. The difference, perhaps, is that totalitarian art could conceivably lead to a neo-classical form, with some merit inside its regimentation, but totalitarian diplomacy can only lead to chaos and complete distrust between nations. It was the means of Mussolini and of Hitler, and it is now the policy of the Russian leaders. But if negotiations, pledges and treaties are only sometimes honoured, international relations will break down. There can be no quicker way back to the Dark Ages than that.



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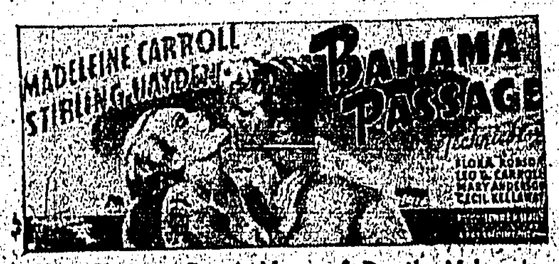


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If The Child Refuses His Food

By C. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

YOU may have a child three years old whose mealtime is a nightmare for him and you. Because of him the mealtime of the entire family may be a miserable period, assuming that he eats with the family as is usually the case. He probably refuses certain essential foods and screams his demands for other foods he prefers and finally wins his way. All the while intense annoyances have developed. At times he has been commanded to eat and on his refusal may have had food pushed into him.

Unless you are sure you can win the rest of the family to co-operate you had better have him eat at a low table, seated comfortably in a low chair before the family meal begins. If he eats with the family, one person should take complete charge of him at meals, with no attention or remarks from any other person. Either have him sit by a low table next to the family table or in a chair high enough for him to see all the family and eat comfortably. He will feel more grown-up if there is no tray on the high chair.

Under Control

Don't attempt any corrective programme except to calm yourself and to let him alone so far as possible until you have got him well under control between meals and apart from toilet training. Educate him during these between-periods in the unambiguous meaning of 'No.' So that, for instance, when he is facing a specific danger of injuring something or some person deliberately he will stop at once when you say 'No' or 'Stop.' With consistent training you might accomplish such in a week or two.

With this well achieved you have some good preparation for training him at the table. Then when you say 'No' regarding a food he is not to have at the time he wants it, he will be ready to accept this 'No' as final and without emotional explosion. If he has been pushing or throwing food, which he dislikes, from his plate, or has been playing with it, or if he often has slid down from his chair to run about, a quiet 'No' will suffice. His respect for 'No' away from the meal must be so well established that you will need to say it only once and in a moderate tone. You certainly don't wish to slap his hands or thighs at mealtime since the pain can reduce the attraction of food offered him. There must be no emotional conflicts, for real success.

Small Helpings

Place before him one food at a time in very, very small helpings, the one most important first. Let him have no other food till this is consumed. Don't command or coax him to eat it, and don't push it into him. But if he has not chosen of his own accord to eat it after a few minutes just remove the food or let him get down, you saying not another word. See that he can have no other food till the next regular mealtime. If he has eaten the first food offered, with bare hands or tools, give him the next, and so on. Your chief objective is to train him to eat what is placed before him and to conform to your chosen sequence.

Be sure the amount of each food is very small: a tablespoonful of milk at first in his glass is far better than a whole glass full: two peas or lima beans better than a tablespoonful of them, and so on.

Smart Lines and Chic Veils

Mr. John, Inc.

By PRUNELLA WOOD



MR. JOHN has chosen the neat head, with hat and hair lined smoothly together, as this winter's millinery mood. Two examples . . . the small black corded velvet cloche, curved against one cheek, the brimmed, high crowned white hat of mirrored felt to frame the entire head... are typical. The black hat is veiled with black, the white model, with white.

Proper Care For Expectant Mother

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE health—and sometimes even the lives—of the expectant mother, and her baby depend on proper care during pregnancy. Important as it is, however, this kind of care need not be expensive or bothersome. Its aims are largely preventive and its chief requirement is that the mother place herself under the care of a competent doctor as soon as pregnancy is suspected.

At the first visit, the physician makes a complete physical examination so that any abnormal conditions may be discovered and eliminated. A search is made for any infections which can be treated and cleared up.

X-Ray Examination

If it is suspected at this time that there is any deformity of the hip bones or pelvis, an X-ray examination may be made. If any deformity is discovered, the proper procedures can be planned for the future.

At each visit it is important that a urine examination and a blood count be made.

It is also important on the first visit that the blood be tested for venereal disease, such as syphilis, and that tests be made for the Rh factor. Even if the blood test for syphilis is positive, with modern treatment the mother's health may be restored and the baby will be born free from infection. The patient's blood type should also be determined. The blood typing is done so that if an emergency arises later, which requires a blood transfusion or an injection of blood into a vein, the necessary procedure can be carried out without delay.

Unless the patient is overweight, a strict diet is usually unnecessary. The patient must, however, follow a well-regulated diet, including meat, milk, eggs, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, and whole-grain cereals. It is advisable to cut down on the fats and sweets so that an excessive gain in weight will not occur during pregnancy. A weight gain of two to three pounds a month is satisfactory.

During each subsequent visit to the doctor, the patient is weighed, blood pressure taken and, if necessary, blood counts carried out.

Keep Pots and Pans Shining

By ELEANOR ROSS

NOTHING is so indicative of a really meticulous and houseproud homemaker as sparkling clean, shinning pots and pans. It isn't very pleasant to have to hustle into the kitchen, before a guest enters to get those dull old aluminium saucepans or that chipped enamel one out of the way.

Don't let soiled cooking utensils pile up. For your good and for theirs, soak utensils as soon as they are empty or have been used. But don't oversoak aluminium since it has a tendency to darken the metal. Wash them as soon as possible, soaking only long enough to dislodge clinging food particles. Don't use an aluminium saucepan for cooking eggs, since the sulphur tends to cause discolouration. Enamelware, stainless steel or glass are best for egg cookery.

Make it a practice to polish aluminium utensils after each use. It is but a jiffy job and soon becomes a part of the washing-up process. That way you will always have bright pots and pans. Despite everything there's nothing like a fine steel-wool pad and soap to remove dark stain and keep the aluminium bright. These pads are so inexpensive that we are often amazed to see rusty worn out pits of pad still on the job. A large-size box of steel wool pad is inexpensive and with a good supply at hand, it is easy to use a pad a couple of times and then replace it with a fresh one.

If an aluminium pan has become badly discoloured, one of the easiest ways to take care of it is to cook an acid food in the utensil. Tomatoes, apple-sauce or cranberries ... do the trick, and will brighten the saucepan without affecting the food flavour in any way. But if you don't want to do this, use cream of tartar for the job. Use enough water to cover all the discolouration and in it boil 2 teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar to each quart of water. The pan should be much brighter after ten to 15 minutes' boiling. Then get to work and polish with a steel wool pad.

If you want to keep the bottom section of an aluminium double boiler always looking nice, add a small quantity of cream of tartar to the water in the bottom section when the boiler is used. Always lower heat as soon as food reaches the boiling point unless the directions call for a rapid boil. It saves fuel, helps keep the bottom of a saucepan clear and clean, and tends to cut down spills that don't do the cooking utensils or the range any good.

Quick Change Tricks



By ALICE ALDEN

WELL selected accessories enable a small wardrobe to put on quite a show. Here's a smart but simple little black jersey frock that would be right for the office and acquires after-five glitter by the addition of new Criss Cross pieces. Loops of gold criss cross a medallion of blue enamel studded with tiny rhinestones in checkerboard design. A matching bracelet, earrings, and a jewelled turtle complete the set.

CHECKING UP ON CHECKS

CHECKING up on checks ... that are certainly in full bloom for the new season. The check plot is one of the strongest and is repeated in all corners of young ready to wear. Worsted and tweedy checks appear in suits and toppers. Miniature and giant versions are liked for cottons. Novelty checks accent sportswear. "We like checked combinations," manufacturers say in discussing the different style treatments they will use. The shorter looking boxy jackets usually with high pockets and pleated or full gathered skirt appear as a strong silhouette type.

Butterscotch, caramel and ginger ... flash across the spring horizon as likely colours for suits and toppers. Sun gold, a sulphur shade, is repeated often by manufacturers who mention it as good for fleece and flannel toppers. Although some houses like the muted pastel shades in woollens, others favour clear pastel shades but all agree that pastels will be very important. Red, white and blue combinations look more promising every day.

Fashionable Informality



By VERA WINSTON

The dinner, dancing, theatre frock, carefully handled to balance the day length skirt is a boon for those of us that like to dress up at night without climbing into a spectacular or difficult-to-handle evening frock, the sort of thing we properly save for very grand occasions. This one is in black velvet with a petal-like neckline that is encrusted with black lace laid over flesh coloured chiffon, with dainty frills of the lace above the points. The dress is worn over a taffeta petticoat that makes it rustle.

Keep Nails in Tip-Top Condition



Courtesy RKO Radio Pictures

Martha Hyer, screen star, likes to manicure her own nails in between regular trips to the beauty shop. After careful cleaning, shaping, she applies polish.

By HELEN FOLLETT

FASTIDIOUS care of the finger nails is as necessary as fastidious care of the hair, even more so as soiled caves may harbour bacteria, be a menace to the health. Manicurists say that the use of rosy polish has made some girls careless about keeping the caves beautifully clean, that the surrounding cuticle is not creamed as it should be. Appearance isn't everything. Nails suffer from neglect, become thicker, show ridges.

Professional grooming, by a conscientious operator, isn't the whole story either, because a three-minute friction with cream every night is a part of every woman's beauty duties. By brisk massage the underlying flesh is nourished by the blood streams and the nail fabric is kept in condition. Do ot get the idea that cream will cause polish to go patchy; it won't. You cannot put the bright veneer on a creamed surface, but you can use cream without dimming the glow.

By frequent anointing, the surrounding flesh is kept pliable and free of the nails. If it clings at any point it will break in time; then you'll have hangnails.

If you flush up any shreds with the orange wood stick work them free and remove with the curved needle point scissors. When buying manicure instruments of any kind, do not economise. Buy those of high grade steel. They last a lifetime.

If manicure scissors become dull, take them to a store where barber shop supplies are sold, they will be tightened and the blades sharpened.



Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Buffet Dinner For Guests

MADAME, it is the company, totally unexpected, but they are very welcome! And naturally they must be invited to stay for supper, oui?"

"Oh, yes; but immediately comes the thought, 'what shall I serve? The pick-up dinner I planned for the family won't be enough for a company of ten."

"You are right, Madame. The supper should be easy with no special cooking or serving."

"I would therefore suggest buffet service."

'Even so, Madame, since the weather is cool, I think a tasty hot bouillon would be good for everybody, from baby to grandma. It can come from the tin, or bouillon cubes or broth powder can be combined with tomato juice, heated and served with crackers. A little sour cream on the top is a nice touch. Then she can have a substantial course based on chicken, duck or pork, whichever she has. A nice a la king would be delicieux."

"There you go again, Chef; but this homemaker doesn't want to start cooking a big meal after the Christmas dinner. I'd suggest open sandwiches made at the table."

Club Sandwiches

"Or she could serve junior club sandwiches, Madame. They are popular in hotels and restaurants, but they can be served at home,—even made at the table. They need sliced poultry or you can even use roast pork; a slice of cooked bacon for each sandwich; crisp lettuce; mayonnaise; and some sliced tomato; or you can substitute chopped celery salad if you do not have tomato. Also you need white bread toast—which can be made at the dining table—use three slices with the crusts cut off for each sandwich. To put together, spread the bottom slice with mayonnaise. Put on a layer of the sliced meat, then one of the lettuce which should be shredded so it will not slide out. Then comes the second slice of toast also spread with mayonnaise, and next the tomato or celery and the strip of bacon cut in half. On the top goes the third piece of toast spread with mayonnaise. When the sandwich is made, press it together so the filling will not skid out; then cut in triangles. And for dessert a fruit bowl, nuts, and coffee. Et voila!"

Dinner

Celery Cream Soup Croutons
Broiled Mackerel or
Fish Fillets Soubise
Spanish Rice Escalloped Corn
Pickles
Minced Fruit Pie (Reheated)
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Celery Cream Soup

Dice enough outer stalks of celery to make 1 c. and steam-boil in water to cover. Chop enough of the remaining leaves and tips to make 1 c. Put in a 2 qt. kettle. Add 2 slices onion and 4 c. light soup-stock or use 4 c. water with 3 chicken bouillon cubes and 2 beef bouillon cubes. Simmer 45 min. Then drain off the liquid and season it to taste. Cream together 2½ tbsp. butter or margarine and 3¼ tbsp. flour. Add ½ c. of the hot liquid and stir until smooth. Then return to the soup-stock. Cook and stir until boiling. Add 1 c. top cream or undiluted evaporated milk, the cooked celery and reheat. Dust with minced parsley.

Escalloped Corn

Butter or margarine a qt.-sized baking dish. Mix together 1 (No. 2) tin good quality cream-style corn and 1 fine-minced cored sweet red or green pepper. Arrange in alternate layers in the baking dish with 1¼ c. fine shredded wheat crumbs moistened with 3 tbsp. butter or margarine. Pour in 1 c. top cream or rich milk seasoned with ½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Slow-bake about 35 min. in a moderate oven, 350 F.

Broiled Mackerel Soubise

Preheat the broiling compartment and pan for 10 min. Clean and split 2 (1 lb.) mackerel, or use 1 large mackerel. Wash in salted water and drain on absorbent paper towels. Brush both sides with melted butter, margarine or oil. Dust lightly with flour seasoned with salt and pepper. Oil the broiling rack. Place the fish, skin side up, on it and slide in about 2" from the heat. Season and continue to broil about 8 min. longer or until light brown, and the flesh flakes away from the bones.

Sauce Soubise

Brown 2 tbsp. butter or margarine with 2 tbsp. flour. Stir in ½ c. chopped raw onion; continue to stir until lightly browned. Then gradually stir in 1 c. water or liquid drained from cooked potatoes. Add ½ tbsp. lemon juice, ¼ tsp. salt, ⅛ tsp. pepper.

Roast Smoked Shoulder

Smoked shoulders are a good buy and may be cooked by any method used for smoked ham. An interesting glaze is made by spreading the boiled or pressured shoulder with cranberry sauce, dusting with brown sugar, studding with whole cloves and baking in a slow oven, 350 F., about 30 min. to glaze. Or try it Florida style.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



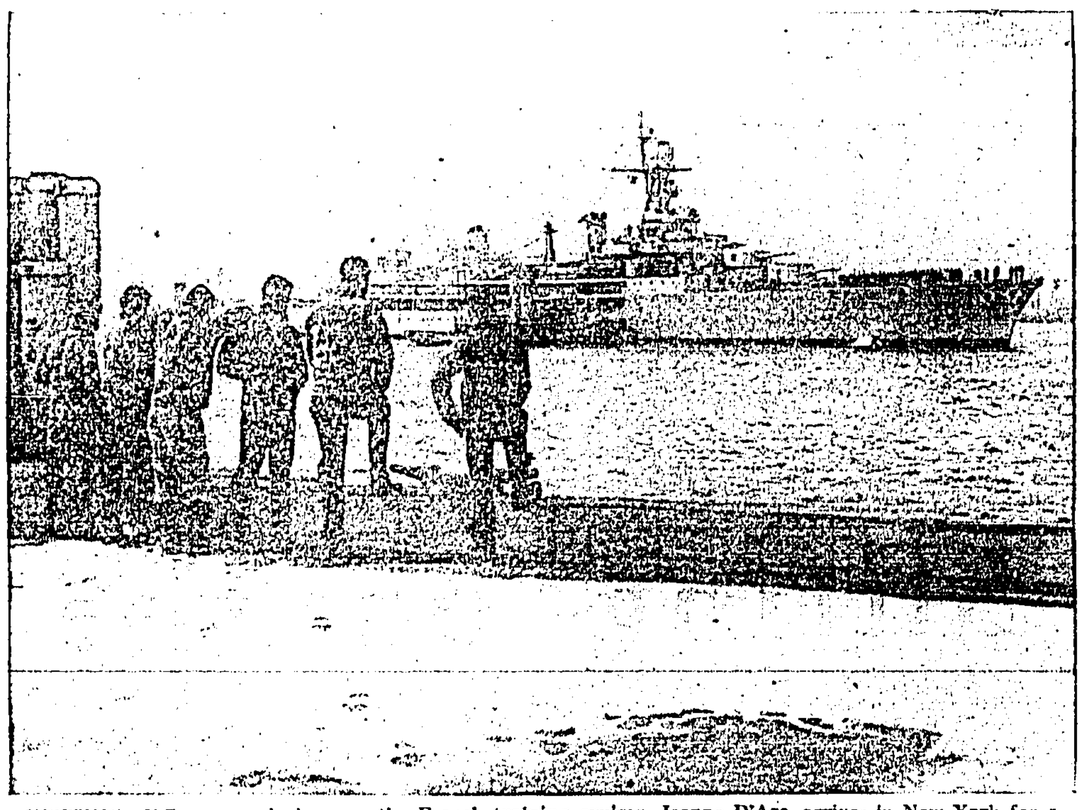
WHOOPING IT UP—These American Boy Scouts are putting on a show in New York for the benefit of 25 recently-arrived European war orphans. Dressed as Indians and Puritans, the Scouts gave the displaced children a welcome they'll always remember.



FISH SCALE FLOWERS — Mrs Harry C. Issac of Randolph, Massachusetts, changed her hobby into a lucrative business. She treats ordinary fish scales and makes them into delicate, soft-coloured petals of roses to be worn in corsages at social functions.



ON GUARD—Policemen guarded an underground station in Paris against possible sabotage when France went through a 24-hour general strike called by Communist and Socialist labour unions which demanded higher pay. Although things were slowed down, the strike was ineffective.



VISITING—U.S. seamen look on as the French training cruiser, Jeanne D'Arc, arrives in New York for a visit with its crew of 577 men and 150 midshipmen. The warship was in the Italian invasion during the war, and is taking the trainees on their annual cruise.



THE WINNER—Mickey McCormack, in New York, entered a contest with several thousand barmaids and was chosen as the prettiest and most talented of them all.



HEADING FOR SANTA ANITA—The English racehorse, Wonder Why, is shown in his stall aboard ship upon arriving in New York. With the three-year-old are Percy Serby, left, his jockey, and Maurice King, the owner. Wonder Why will be flown to California to run against Citation at the Santa Anita race track.



EXPENSIVE—After six months' work, the western shirt on the back of this fellow in Tucson, Arizona, is now worth US$2,500. The beadwork on the cuffs alone took 104 hours. The girl on the wagon demonstrates styles for feminine dudes.



RARE MODEL — The toucan is being painted on the bathing suit of pretty Juanita Wintermute at a rare bird farm in Miami, Florida. The bird also acted as an unofficial critic and croaked some sounds of approval at both the girl and the painting.



ALL DAY—Actress Ann Miller, in Hollywood, wears a fine black gabardine suit with geometric detail in beige that will see her through the day from morning till night. Ann's off-the-face hat of black chenille sets off the ensemble.

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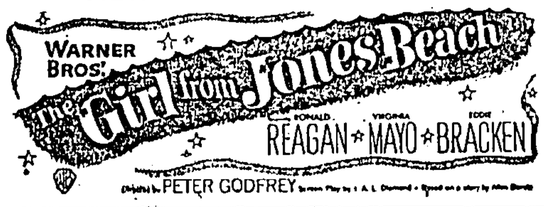
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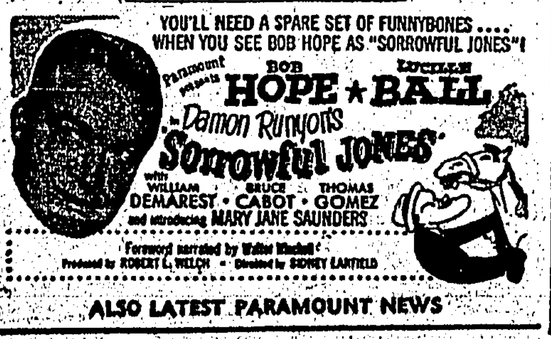


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Soon the tale of what the Temple agents said of Him came back to the Twelve.

"Whom do the people say that I am?" Jesus asked keenly.

The fervent John, and James, Andrew, and shy, diffident Philip told of strange tales that were believed. Some of the people thought He was John the Baptist, cadaver out of the grave. Others thought He was Elias, or some other prophet of olden time, reincarnated.

"But whom do you say that I am?" Jesus persisted.

This was a question they felt ready for. There was a moment's silence, then vast Peter stood up and hoarsely cleared his throat.

"You", declared Peter, lifting his beard and forcing back his mighty shoulders, "are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah!" exclaimed the Master. "Because flesh and blood has not revealed it to you but my Father, who is in heaven. And I say to you; that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose on the earth, it shall be also loosed in heaven."

Not one but was deeply affected, not only the disciples but the Master. He charged them with the utmost secrecy. Now was not the time to insist bluntly to the public that He was the Christ. The mere assertion would call down upon themselves the full weight and ferocity of Jerusalem.

Coming Struggle

CALMLY He forecast on that calm summery afternoon the coming struggle and its outcome. Not one of the Twelve could ever argue afterward that what happened in Gethsemane and on Golgotha was a surprise to Him. Jesus foretold it all several times; already it was clear to Him how He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things and be put to death.

"Lord", groaned Peter, feeling, in the new authority he had just received strong enough to protest, "be it far from You! This shall not be!"

Not alarm, but an instinctive awareness of danger flashed into the Master's face as He heard Peter's words.

"Go behind Me, Satan!" whispered Jesus, looking directly at his friend, as if he were casting out a devil. "You are a scandal to Me because you like not the taste of things that are of God but the things that are of men."

Peter bowed his shaggy head. Five minutes after having been called the foundation of the church he had been called Satan by the Son of God. Like the good man he was, he prayed for grace.

Meanwhile, as if prodded on by some deep necessity, Jesus told them flatly that the Kingdom of God was near at hand.

"There are some standing here that shall not taste death till they see the Kingdom of God."

Not know death? Yet Peter died. So did John and James, and all the Twelve. For twenty centuries afterward men would argue about that declaration.

State Of Grace

YET only a few days later the prophecy came true. Peter and James and John came to the state of grace, miraculously, instantaneously, and with an exaltation that probably surpassed any other single human experience. That was when they witnessed the remarkable phenomenon on the top of Mount Tabor.

To this day no one knows what really happened there. Jesus never explained the mystery. It was six days after He had predicted His crucifixion that He led His three close friends up almost to the very peak. When they were quite apart to themselves, Jesus knelt down on the stubble and dried-up grass and began to pray, and the others knelt with Him. Presently Peter and James and his brother John became aware that something extraordinary was happening. Some inexplicable access of power had suddenly taken hold of the Master. He was not now as He had been even five minutes before.

The first great, overwhelming fact that His three friends had to grasp was that *the shape of the Master's countenance was altered*... That, and a moment later the equally visible and undeniable fact that His garment became white and glittering.

The robe that Jesus wore that afternoon was the robe of a teacher of Palestine, long and flowing, and no matter how clean in the morning, it was bound to be stained by dust before He had walked far. But now the raiment, for all its frazzled hem, was pure and glittering, as if woven not of common cotton and wool, but fashioned of an incomprehensible substance, soft and shining.

"He is being transfigured before us," Peter said in a hoarse whisper.

Moses And Elias

AND now two others suddenly appeared and began talking with Jesus. The three fishermen standing on the mountain top not only saw the Master with Moses, the great leader dead all these vanished centuries, and Elias, long-buried prophet, but they heard them talk, listening to what they talked about.

It was too much; the other world will always be too much for mortal eyes and ears. Their minds grew dense, their eyelids heavy, and they fell asleep.

Waking, they were just in time to see the close of this strange experience. As the Apostles rubbed their eyes, not knowing how long they had slept, light was shining around their beloved Leader. They saw the two celestial visitors retreating, walking off as it were, not into space but into some unknown dimension—figures that presently disappeared.

"Master!" came Peter's mighty basso, "it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tabernacles. One for you. One for Moses. One for Elias."

Before he could go on, a fog fell upon the scene and they heard a voice:

"This is My beloved Son; hear Him."

The three Apostles now were so scared that they fell face downward on the ground and stayed there until Jesus touched them and told them to get up.

Bound To Secrecy

NO more voices then! No more shining figures. Only Jesus smiling and binding them to secrecy.

The obligation of silence had been laid in frightening terms:

"Tell the vision to no man till the Son of Man shall be risen from the dead."

In their uncertainty the three fishermen quizzed Him in private. What did He mean—when He was risen from the dead?

Again Jesus repeated His prediction that He was to die a violent death. His persecution would come from the very people who should support the truth but would not. No words that He spoke, no deed He would do would soften their hearts.

Already a case of blasphemy might possibly be made against Him—if they could prove that He represented Himself to be of divine origin. Only, it did not seem to them too precise a case as yet because the people knew He was so poor. Even the most stupid man would not expect the Messiah to be born poor and humble! So they hurried back their reports to Jerusalem, upon which the high priest in the Temple turned lavender with ire.

Meanwhile, as Jesus slept on the Mount of Olives, to the east of this city, His enemies in a huddle behind the Temple sat up to discuss ways and means to take His life. Finally, one bleary-eyed conspirator had an inspiration.

"If you will listen to an old man," he wheezed, "I can tell you how to trip this fanatic into his grave—and all quite legally, too."

Looked Certain

HERE was a plan that looked like a certainty. And so simple! Thus the next morning, when Jesus walked calmly into Jerusalem and appeared in the Temple, returning to his speeches, a band of Temple guards were busy elsewhere on business of the high command. From out of the snarled traffic of some hideous bystreet they lugged a woman from an adulterous bed. She was the bait for the trick they meant to play.

As Jesus sat in the Temple, teaching lustily, a delegation of men suddenly appeared with the adulteress by the arm. They shoved her in the open space between Him and His listeners, and one guard stood forward as interrogator. He spoke with deep respect, suave, indignant, and with every appearance of sincerity:

"Master, this woman was even now taken in adultery. Now Moses in the Law commanded us to stone such as she. What do you say?"

This kind Jesus from the Bethlehem stable, this healer of the sick—was He likely to order the woman to be stoned to death? They knew it was not in Him to do it. Yet, on the other hand, if He told them they might disregard the Law, He was also guilty of a crime that called for death. Oh, here, now, was a most cunning trap!

Jesus' eyes went from face to face, His gaze straight and full of question. He did not seem to notice the snivelling prisoner. Clearly the man who was her partner in adultery had not been detained. Having looked at all the guards and Temple scholars one by one, eye to eye, the Master leaned forward on his knees and with the nail of a lean brown forefinger wrote in the dust.

There were those who said afterward that what He wrote was a list of women—intimates of the members of this outraged delegation.

When Jesus looked up again over His shoulder, He said calmly:

"He that is without sin among you—let *him* cast the first stone."

And stooping down again, He resumed His mysterious writing in the dust.

The trick had failed! For each man there knew about the improprieties of the others. And they could all read the writing in the sand. And so they hurriedly went out, beginning with the oldest man.

The woman lay there, grovelling on the stone pavement, abjectly prostrate. Jesus sat back, relaxed, and smiled at her—such a tender smile as she had never hoped to see on any man's face. His head a little to one side, He asked:

"Woman, where are those that condemn you? Has no man condemned you?"

"No man, Lord."

"Neither will I condemn you. Go!"

And she was almost out of earshot when He called after her: "And—sin no more!"

Wiser Heads Needed

BUT the Pharisees knew they were getting nowhere with Him; the chief counsellors decided that their agents sent out to ensnare Him had not been very clever. Wiser heads were needed now.

That was why, on a twilight walk from the synagogue at Bethany, Jesus was stopped by a rich old Pharisee who invited Him to dinner. Here was news! Never before had Jesus been given social recognition so near the capital.

The Pharisee who invited him, a tall, sallow man with the cold eyes of an undertaker, never did cease regretting it for the rest of his natural life—because things went wrong for the host from the moment Jesus entered the house. It began when the Pharisee noticed, to his shocked dismay, that Jesus had not washed before dinner.

The Pharisee did not mention the omission. He merely thought about it. What he did not realise was that he was in the presence of one from whom no thought could be concealed. It was not merely that Jesus knew what the Pharisee was thinking about washing before meals. He knew the whole psychological history of this Pharisee; and why he had invited a wayside teacher in to dine. That old Pharisee also thought that Jesus would be flattered by the invitation. That would soften Him up, making Him ready to be wheedled. Soon the vagabond would be heady, giddy, talkative—He would say too much; why, they might even be able to nab Him before the dessert.

Jesus knew that was how the Pharisee thought and how he had planned his evening. When the Master entered the house, He did not wash for the single reason that He had no intention of remaining there to break bread with this old schemer. Instead, the dinner still untouched, He seized the occasion to give His host and other guests a lesson they would never forget. He began by directly answering His host's discomfort because He had not washed; in quiet voice He stated simply:

Hypocrites

"YOU Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter. But your inside is full of rapine and iniquity . . .

"Hypocrites. Because you are like whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear to men beautiful but within are full of dead men's bones and of all filthiness."

After that outspokenness Jesus arose and went quickly out of the house. That same night a second council was convoked in Jerusalem. The lawyers and the Pharisees came together in what was like an ecstasy of

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THE LIGHT

Sitting on the Fence.... by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"Mme. Ana Pauker, Rumanian Foreign Secretary, is out of favour with the Kremlin." — News Item.

THE suspense is terrible. What are they doing to my darling?

I have made no secret of my uncontrollable passion for the enchanting woman Communist. Have I not declared my love in print, and written a rhyming tribute to her beauty?

Middle-aged I may be, and married, too. But love laughs at locksmiths—and that includes the one in a white surplice who locks you up for life at the altar.

Throughout the sleepless nights I have seen the black eyes fill with tears, the black bobbed head bowed in sorrow and the garlic stew and black bread (my darling's favourite chow) left untouched.

O, Venus of Rumania
Your sorrows would I gladly share
If I could but remain with yer
To hold your hand and stroke your hair
Through life together we could go
False friends in Moscow we could bear
And visions of delight would glow
Through the garlic-scented air

Well played, sir

ALTHOUGH it might have been a genuine mistake, the attempt by Italian footballers to substitute a fresh player during the second half of the Soccer match between England and Italy last week will make every cricket lover glad that foreigners have so far left the game alone.

If and when the "lesser breeds without the law" (Kipling) take up bat and ball the following incidents may be expected:—

A foreign umpire tripping up the fast England bowler as he reaches the wicket to deliver the ball.

The foreign captain calling heads to a two-headed penny placed in the English captain's pocket by a foreign cricket spy.

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The foreign fast bowler substituted by another foreign fast bowler of similar appearance during the tea interval. This would be easy if the foreign players were Japanese, because they all look exactly alike.

Doped glasses of lemonade brought out to English fieldsmen by another cricket spy, who has murdered the pavilion waiter and stolen his uniform.

The night before the match, English willow bats stolen and plastic bats substituted by a third cricket spy.

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Instead of the new ball the foreign umpire to give the foreign bowler a hand grenade. Although a good length grenade would not only blow up the English batsman, but also the foreign wicketkeeper, most of the slips, and those fielding at silly mid-on and off, this would be considered a trifling sacrifice compared to eliminating a possible century-maker and winning the game.

Devil Cat's day

TO many readers who have asked "How is Lottie the Devil Cat?" the answer is that she is still a devil cat and frightfully fit.

Following is a normal day in the life of Lottie:—

MORNING. — Howls outside bedroom door at seven a.m. till I stumble downstairs to pour milk. Milk finished, howls to go out. Five minutes later howls to come in.

Cook her breakfast while trying to read papers. Put breakfast down. Breakfast too hot. Lottie howls. When breakfast is cool, maybe, she doesn't like it. Howls and takes revenge by tearing up newspapers, beginning always with Daily Mail.

Own breakfast ready. Lottie in chair first. Remove Lottie. Lottie jumps on lap. Have to fight for every mouthful as flashing paw hooks food off fork. I get about two forkfuls in three.

Try to reach workroom unobserved, but Lottie dashes ahead and is waiting on desk with toy mouse. Play for a while, hoping she will tire and go to sleep. Lottie still full of energy clears desk in few short rushes. While picking up notes, papers, letters, Lottie jumps on back, expecting Grand National over chairs, tables.

Try to write, type while Lottie plays with pencils, typewriter keys.

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AFTERNOON.—Lottie sleeps on chest while I try to catch up on reading newspapers.

EVENING.—Switch on radio for six o'clock news, Lottie hates news. Howls to go out. Let her out. Lottie hates cold. Howls to come in. Let her in. This goes on till news is over and nobody knows if America has blown herself to bits with atomic energy or if British housewife is to have couple more eggs for cakes.

Go for walk. Lottie follows 20 yards, howling.

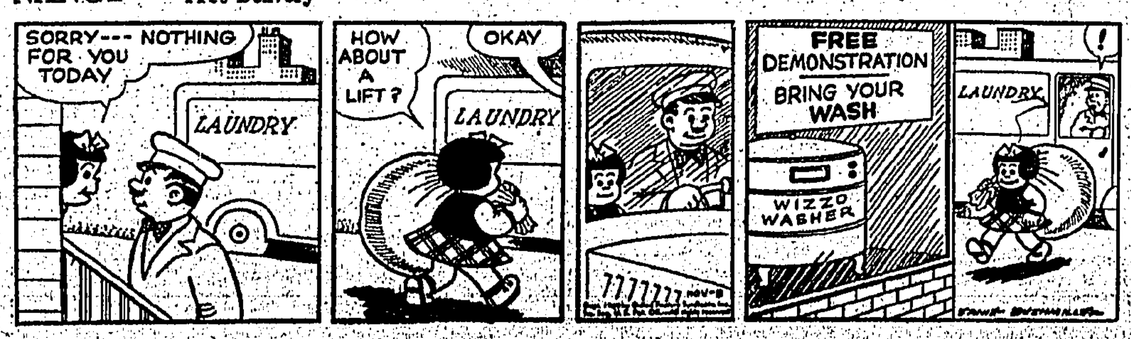
Return for supper. Am evidently late. Lottie's howl becomes nagging whine.

Try to listen to radio plays, talks, music. Lottie hates them all. Spend evening opening and shutting doors to let her out, in.

Am in bed just dropping off to sleep. Lottie howls outside door. Carry her downstairs, protesting, to shut her in kitchen.

—(London Express Service)

NANCY — Free Delivery — By Ernie Bushmiller





To Marry Marquis



Senorita Carmen Franco Polo (above), 23-year-old daughter of General Francisco Franco, the Spanish dictator, who recently became engaged to Cristobal Martinez Y Bordiu, Marquis of Villaverde, a doctor attached to the Spanish Red Cross.—AP Picture.

Yugoslavia's Relations

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tion with Eastern Germany at present.

The Minister said that Yugoslavia had made every effort to improve economic relations with foreign countries in 1949 and now had them with 46 countries, 24 of which had signed trade agreements.

Referring to the trade agreement with Britain signed yesterday, M. Kardelj said that it was "on a basis of complete economic reciprocity." He added that Yugoslavia would sign further agreements with Latin America and Turkey.

U.S. LOAN

Referring to the $25,000,000 loan from the Import-Export Bank of America and the $25,000,000 loan promised by the World Bank, he said that it made no difference so far to Yugoslavia's economic difficulties, caused by the Cominform blockade.

"We received the loan at the end of this year and so we had to overcome our difficulties by ourselves."

Referring to China, M. Kardelj said that in spite of the Cominform attitude to the Chinese Government, he considered the Chinese Revolution an historical event for the whole of humanity.

M. Kardelj ended in a note of defiance against Russia and the Cominform, saying that Yugoslavia would continue her present policy with greater determination than ever before.

The dogs are barking but the caravan goes by, he declared.—Reuter.

Debate On Kashmir Postponed

Lake Success, Dec. 27.—The Security Council debate on Kashmir, due to begin today, has been postponed until tomorrow.

A spokesman for General A.G. McNaughton, of Canada, this month's Council President, who has been conducting informal talks with Indian and Pakistan representatives, said that the Indian delegation had asked for the postponement in order to "receive communications" from his Government.

The spokesman declined to comment on the substance of the communications awaited.

He stressed that the postponement was nothing more than deference to the wishes of the Indian delegation.

Consultations between General McNaughton, and Indian and Pakistani delegates had been going on "literally hour after hour, including Saturday and Monday."—Reuter.

H.K. SECURITY EXERCISE

Lorryloads of armed troops seen entering Central Police Station this morning were taking part in an internal security exercise.

Troops concerned were drawn from the 8 Commando Brigade.

Festive Drums Welcome The New Indonesia

END OF 300 YEARS OF DUTCH COLONIAL RULE

Jakarta (Batavia), Dec. 27.—Festive drums decorated with white and red ribbons are today throbbing a monotonous welcome in Java, Sumatra, Bali, Borneo and Timor to the birth of a new nation—the United States of Indonesia.

Today, Batavia reverts to its ancient name of Jakarta.

Today, in what was yesterday the Netherlands East Indies, Dutch civilians and soldiers drink to Queen Juliana and the final page of 300 years of colonial empire history. If they rejoice, it is because they will soon be going home.

Today, in the green mountains of West and East Java, groups of fanatical guerillas, antagonistic equally to the old and new regimes in Indonesia, are cooking rice—and trouble.

Today, the fierce upsurge of Asiatic nationalism, stimulated by the Japanese occupation during the war and inflamed by nearly four years of bitter guerilla fighting, attains its goal—a free, sovereign Indonesian Republic which has only tenuous economic and cultural links with The Netherlands.

Although the history of the Indonesian independence movement may be claimed to have begun with regional Javanese and Balinese revolts against Dutch authority in the last century, the movement as a firm conception began in the late 'twenties with the organisation of an Indonesian students' union.

FIRST PRESIDENT

The organiser of this union, Dr Soekarno, becomes today the first President of the United States of Indonesia.

In many ways the story of President Soekarno's life is the story of Indonesia's progress to independence. The Indonesian struggle was always led by intellectuals rather than by men of action: there was never any junta of generals nor a revolt led by a Jack Cade of the common people.

Three times imprisoned before the war for writing pamphlets urging independence, Dr Soekarno was later accused of collaborating with the Japanese invaders.

In his own defence, Dr Soekarno argues that the cause of national independence must seek any temporary ally and use any expedient.

Few, if any, of his people will hold this against him.

Action came from the youth of the country, mainly the students who, in a land with only six percent literacy, occupy a political position far more important than that held by their youthful contemporaries in Britain and other western countries.

In pre-war days, activity aimed at political independence was masked by sports clubs and literary societies. Dutch leaders have admitted that they underestimated the strength of these movements.

When unrest finally flared into flame, the massacres and cruelties were perhaps in large part due to the youth of so many of the guerillas.

AGAINST BRITISH

Ironically, it was against the British that the first Indonesian independence actions were fought. British and Indian forces, war-weary after the long Burma campaign, were sent to Sourabaya to accept the surrender of the Japanese Army and release Allied prisoners.

The small British force found that Lieutenant General Y Nagono, commanding the 16th Japanese Army in Java, had already approved the proclamation, on August 17, 1945, of Indonesian independence.

Quantities of Japanese weapons had been seized by the Indonesians, who opposed by force British attempts to clear Sourabaya of extremist elements. As the British forces withdrew on the completion of their task in 1946, and their positions were occupied by Dutch forces from Holland, guerilla warfare spread throughout Java and Sumatra.

At this time, the rest of Indonesia, Borneo and the rich islands to the East, were quiet under their native Sultans, who seemed willing to accept a mildly modified return to the status quo ante bellum.

Their attitude changed as it became evident that the independent forces centred in Java were fighting on.

The provincial capital of Jogjakarta became the focus of Indonesian Republican Government was formed there, with Dr Soekarno as the dynamic President and Dr Mohammed Hatta as the eloquent Prime Minister.

WIDER PICTURE

Despite object lessons in India and Burma, The Netherlands Government was reluctant to admit that events in Indonesia were part of a wider rebirth of nationalism in Asia.

The Jogjakarta Republic was recognised by India, Pakistan and Middle Eastern States; Australian wharf-workers and seamen's unions declined to load Dutch ships bound for Indonesia; Dutch airlines lost landing facilities in India and Ceylon.

Although an armistice was signed in October, 1946, spasmodic guerilla fighting continued.

In March, 1947, the Linggadjati agreement was signed in an atmosphere of distrust on both sides.

In July, the Dutch, claiming that the Republican Government had not observed the cease-fire orders or carried out the Linggadjati agreement, launched their first "police action."

Militarily it was a swift success. Politically, it served only to aggravate the situation. The British Government ceased arms shipments to Holland. Australia and India brought the matter before the Security Council.

In January, 1948, a second agreement promising peace was signed aboard the United States Ship "Renville." Under this agreement, Indonesia was to become a sovereign State in an Indonesian-Netherlands Union.

But conditions remained disturbed in Java. Sensing their growing power, many of the guerilla leaders were slow to obey the cease-fire order.

The United Nations despatched a Commission to Indonesia.

PARACHUTE ATTACK

In September, a Communist revolt in Madiun was swiftly suppressed by the Republican Government. But relations between the Republic and the Dutch continued to deteriorate.

In December, the Dutch launched their second and final "police action" with a parachute attack upon Jogjakarta. Militarily, that action, too, was successful. Politically, it was again a failure.

The Republican forces broke up into guerilla groups and continued the war in the hills.

Economically, Indonesia was on the road to ruin.

The Security Council acted swiftly, condemning Dutch action and ordering an immediate cease-fire. Marshall Aid to Indonesia was stopped.

The Dutch Government reopened negotiations, released the interned Indonesian leaders and prepared for the final phase.

The negotiations dragged on until September this year, when both sides agreed to hold a conference at The Hague under the auspices of the United Nations Commission to Indonesia.

This conference hammered out the agreement from which emerges today free and sovereign United States of Indonesia.—Reuter.

BRITISH RECOGNITION

London, Dec. 27.—The British Prime Minister Mr Clement Attlee, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Ernest Bevin, sent messages of goodwill to Dr Mohammed Hatta, Premier and Foreign Minister of the United States of Indonesia.

The Foreign Office, announcing automatic recognition of the new state, said that Mr Andrew Charles Stewart, acting British Consul-General at Jakarta—as Batavia is now called—has been appointed temporary charge d'affaires in Indonesia, pending the appointment of an ambassador.

Mr Attlee's message to Dr Hatta expressed confidence that "the ceremonies now taking place at Amsterdam and Jakarta will mark a further stage in the friendly co-operation between the peoples and governments of East and West."

From Ottawa it is reported that the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Louis St. Laurent, also sent telegrams to the prime ministers of Indonesia and the Netherlands, announcing that Canada has recognised the new Indonesian Republic.

In Paris, a foreign office spokesman said that France would probably recognise the new Indonesian state "in the near future."—United Press.

U.S. SUPPORT

Washington, Dec. 27.—The United States extended political support and economic aid to the new Indonesian Republic today in the expectation that it will help to bolster South-east Asia against the advance of Communism.

President Truman will grant American diplomatic recognition to the new Nationalist regime "within 24 hours," the State Department announced.

Mr Merle Cochran, the US Envoy, who is on his way by air to the Indonesian capital, is reported to be Mr Truman's choice as the first American Ambassador to Indonesia.—Associated Press.

LIE'S MESSAGE

Lake Success, Dec. 27.—The United Nations Secretary General, Mr Trygve Lie, today hailed the establishment of the new United States of Indonesia as an historic event of great significance for the entire world.

But UN leaders acknowledged privately that prospects of the new country joining the United Nations soon were dim because of an almost certain Soviet veto.

Dr H. Riemens, Acting Head of The Netherlands delegation to the United Nations, officially informed Mr Lie this morning of the transfer of sovereignty in the Hague. He also formally told Mr Lie that The Netherlands would warmly support the application of the new state for membership in the UN and expressed the confident hope that it would soon be admitted.

His hope was not shared by other officials and observers who noted that on December 13 the Soviet delegate in the Security Council used two vetoes to kill a resolution praising the results of the Hague conference which set up the new state.—Associated Press.

There will be a "Moylood" congregation conducted at the Central Mosque to observe the birthday of Mahomet on Sunday, January 1, at 8.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. All Muslims will be welcome.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"If it gets you down worrying about the price of this coat, just think how many billions Uncle Sam owes and nobody seems to mind!"

Priest Gets Soviet Visa



Father John Brassard (left), a Roman Catholic priest, looks at the Soviet visa on his passport as he and Mr Michael Francis Doyle of Philadelphia, a Catholic lay leader, leave the Russian embassy in Washington. Father Brassard, a teacher, is going to Moscow to serve the American colony there.—AP Picture.

Letters To The Editor

POW Reunion

Sir,—I feel sure that it will interest you and your readers to know that the 3rd Annual Reunion Dinner of the Hongkong (Argyle Street) POW Association was held with great success at the Church House Restaurant, Great Smith Street, London, on the evening of Friday, December 9. There was a record attendance of 75 officers and other ranks, and Major General C. M. Maltby was, as usual, in the Chair.

Owing to the unfortunate illness and absence in Switzerland of the original organiser, Mr Arthur Barker, I took over his job this year, and two more late Hongkong VDC officers, Mr Keith Valentine and Mr Eric Bryden, both of Messrs Dodwell & Co. Ltd, London, were elected to the committee.

During the writer's visit to Hongkong at the beginning of this year, he discovered that there were still residing in Hongkong approximately 130 ex-Argyle Street Camp officers and other rank POW's, and many of these approached him to ask whether it would be possible for the Dinner to be held in future at a time when people in the Far East are normally home on leave. Our first Dinner two years ago was held in August, but all those now resident in this country objected to that month, owing to the fact that so many people are away at that time on their summer holidays in this country. I therefore proposed that the Dinner in future should be held in October in order to enable all those home on leave from Hongkong to attend, and at the same time to meet the wishes of those now resident in this country. This compromise was unanimously accepted by all those attending last Friday.

I shall be most grateful for any publicity you can give this decision, as we are extremely anxious to have a record attendance next year.

J. K. R. MACGREGOR.

London, Dec. 15.

"Face" In China

Sir, — Your correspondent Ralph Shaw, in the course of his letter on the subject of "Face," says these words: "It's surprising how many Chinese really hate us from the West. *Of course we have little to be proud of in the past*" etc. etc.

I have heard too many times during my long residence in China words to this effect. In the name of all that is fair why are we foreigners always being told of the harm we have done out here—but never of the good?

Just what *are* these things of which we have so little to be proud anyway? Granted we didn't all come to China purely for love—we came to trade with the Chinese to the mutual advantage of all. That is no crime. Granted we have made mistakes, more often through ignorance and misunderstanding than by intent. Granted, even, there have been a few "black sheep" among us from time to time. That is inevitable in any large community of any nationality—and we are not Angels.

But when all our shortcomings have been taken into account what about the Credit side of the balance sheet? Does no-one ever think of the good we have done in this country, the practical sympathy, for instance, that has shown itself at once in times of adversity—drought, famine etc—yes, and even in very recent times the vast quantities of material aid that has been poured into China and not even well used?

What about the many splendid schools and hospitals up and down the country given and endowed by the peoples of the West and kept going through thick and thin by devoted men and women whose only reward has been the joy of service? The pretty young Chinese girl here in Hongkong gaily tripping along in her nylons and smart shoes has these people to thank that she's not shuffling around on bound feet.

And coming down to a smaller sphere: just the ordinary setting of the foreign household and the way of master and missee with their servants, or the office and facory and master and his humble employees. There isn't even the loyal and willing service now that there used to be—not nearly so much—but still there is the same fair and just treatment, with sometimes an added patience and tolerance beyond all bounds.

During my many years in Shanghai I have seen and known of more individual acts of kindness on the part of foreigners to Chinese than I could set down in a book. To cite but one: a fire raged in a small Leper colony in Shanghai just after the last war ended. Although the inmates escaped with their lives they lost all their pitifully small possessions and were left with not even a roof over their heads. Urgent calls for help went out to Chinese and foreigner alike. My readers can guess from whom it came—and furthermore, the Good Samaritans had only just stepped out of Internment Camps. Isn't there a parallel case here in Hongkong—concerning a few hundred Nationalist soldiers, wounded and cast off by their own Army officials and left here to whatever fate awaits them? I read a pathetic story in the Press last Sunday. Again, urgent calls for help—and it seems even a British colony wouldn't be much use to them without British people in it.

"Let bygones be bygones". I don't know anything about the dim and distant past but I'm willing to bet there are some hundreds of thousands of poor Chinese who'd give their souls to have some of those "bygones" back with them here and now—who remember with hopeless longing a time in a well-administered, prosperous International Settlement or a British Concession when the ships of many lands were busy loading and unloading at the docks, when the wheels turned over in the factories all day long and when they themselves worked happily and contentedly for the never-failing pay-cheque or wages at the end of the month that would ensure for many of them good living and for even the humblest a full stomach and the bare necessities of life.

BRITISH HOUSEWIFE.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, "Hongkong Calling" — Programme Summary; 6.03, "Bandcall"—B.B.C. Variety Orchestra. Conducted by Rae Jenkins With Denny Dennis and The Chorus (BBCTS); 6.30, The Dinning Sisters; 6.40, The Terry Lucido Quartet (Studio); 7, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, "Much Binding in the Marsh"—A Variety Programme with Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne (BBCTS); 7.45, "Generally Speaking"—"Three Journeys" by Peter Fleming No. 1: "A Train to Samarkand" (London Relay); 8, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, "Record Round-About"—A Variety Request Programme Presented by Sue Dawson (Studio); 9.10 Services Spotlight"—Concert by the Band of the Royal Navy (Relayed from the China Fleet Club); 10, Radio Newsreel (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16; 10.15, "French Cabaret"; 10.45, Piano Recital by Horowitz; 11, Latin American Music; 11.15, Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain (Recorded London Relay); God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

SCAP Official On Improvement In Jap Food Position

1949 PRODUCTION BEST SINCE END OF WAR

Tokyo, Dec. 27. — Officials in General MacArthur's Headquarters said staple food production in Japan during 1949 was the highest since the occupation began in 1945.

They said that, according to statistics compiled by the Japanese themselves, the total output of staple foods was 14.4 million metric tons in brown rice equivalents.

This represents a slight increase over last year and is second only to the pre-war peak of 1939.

Mr Mark B. Williamson, chief of the Agriculture division in General MacArthur's Headquarters, said:

"At the end of World War II staple food production in Japan was at its lowest level since the turn of the century. The staple crops in 1945 yielded only 9.9 million metric tons, in brown rice equivalents, compared with the 1931-40 average of 13,000,000 metric tons and a wartime peak of 14,000,000 metric tons in 1942."

NEED FOR IMPORTS

"Japan has required food imports to feed her people even in periods of high production. The low 1945 crop yields placed the country's food supply in jeopardy.

"Agriculturists in the Japanese Government and specialists in appropriate staff sections in Occupation Headquarters moved immediately at the beginning of the occupation to stimulate crop production," Mr Williamson said.

"Fertiliser was an urgent problem. The supply had dropped far below Japanese requirements. Domestic production of this item was given a high priority, and large amounts were imported. By extraordinary efforts on the part of everyone concerned fertiliser supplies increased each year, until at present the consumption is approaching pre-war levels.

"Seed improvement, more effective control of insects and diseases, and an increase in the supply of other necessary production materials have also aided farmers in increasing production.

STEADY INCREASES

"Steady increases in crop yields have resulted from the programmes instituted. Following the 1945 low, total staple food production jumped to 12.5 million metric tons brown rice equivalents in 1946, remained about the same in 1947, and increased sharply to 14.3 million metric tons in 1948. The 1948 total was the highest since 1939, and was nine percent above the 1931-40 average.

"Preliminary estimates place 1949 staple food production at 14.4 million metric tons brown rice equivalents. This is a slight increase over the 1948 production.

"The progressive increase in food production, together with substantial food imports, has brought about a marked improvement in Japan's food position," said Mr Williamson.

FARMERS PRAISED

"A major share of the credit for this belongs to the farmers of Japan, who are traditionally hard working and who have given their full co-operation in attacking the country's food problem. The Japanese farmer has proved that he will produce if given the materials for production. The supply of those materials has been steadily increasing, and should continue to increase.

"Farmers and the Government must continue to work together if agriculture is to prosper.

"Production incentives should be provided, consistent with the need for a stable farm economy and food production needs of the country. If this is done, there is no doubt that farmers will continue to respond unstintingly to the challenge of Japan's requirements."—United Press.

The Greatest Story Ever Told

(Continued from Page 4)

hate. They must not have a man at large, saying things like that! There must be some way found to catch something from His mouth by which they might accuse Him.

As a practical result of their convocation they decided to make another try. If He blaspheme in front of expert witnesses, they might be able to indict Him. So for the third time Jesus found Himself invited to a rich man's table. On this night Jesus observed all the amenities. He washed His face and hands and reclined on a couch at the ruler's table. Suddenly, through the open door there staggered a man with dropsy. All the other diners looked at the Master. Would He forget that this was the night of the Sabbath?

Sensing the familiar trick, Jesus looked around at all of them—the lawyers, the formalists, the Pharisees to whom the slightest dereliction in the strict observance of the Sabbath was a mortal sin—and He asked them a question:

"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?"

He got no answer. But He waited for none. He turned to the sick man and made him well, and sent him away.

"Which of you, "He then asked "shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit and will not immediately drag him out on the Sabbath day?"

Well, that was the third time the Pharisees had Jesus in to dinner. They would never ask Him again.

TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW

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Wolves Upset Villa

RECORD CROWDS WATCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE HOLIDAY MATCHES

London, Dec. 27.—The hectic holiday football programme produced some bewildering upsets of form, but the outstanding feature of the period was the size of the crowd.

The old Football League record for one day was broken twice. Yesterday, a crowd of 1,226,098—nearly 60,000 more than the previous highest—watched the 44 games. Today's matches attracted 1,253,572 for a new record.

Gates had to be closed and thousands were locked outside at the Villa Park (70,000), Arsenal (65,000) and Sheffield United (55,000). Liverpool's 58,757 was their biggest of the season and at Northampton and Leeds post-war records were set up. At Liverpool the crush of people caused numerous casualties.

From the three games in four days only two clubs, Middlesbrough and Notts County, emerged with maximum points and two, Charlton and Brighton, with no points.

CHALLENGE

A feature of the First Division was the continued challenge of Manchester United and Blackpool, who each gained five points from their Christmas matches, to Liverpool, who stand only two points in front.

Wolves caused one of the biggest surprises by their 4-1 win at Villa Park. They had not been victorious since October 8.

Tottenham Hotspurs dropped only one point, at Chesterfield, and are 10 points in front of Sheffield Wednesday, the present runners-up in League II.

Notts County are also in a good position. They are six points ahead in League III Southern. Their goal average in three games was 8-0.

The football on Boxing Day was marred by the sending off of one player Watkins of Luton against Southampton and today's play was spoiled by an unusually large amount of bad accidents.

The two most serious occurred in League III North, where Davies of Chester and Stammers of Rochdale each broke a leg.—Reuter.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

London, Dec. 27.—The following were the results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	0	M'chester U.	0
Aston Villa	1	Wolves	4
Blackpool	2	Burnley	0
Derby	4	Birmingham	1
Fulham	0	Everton	0
Liverpool	2	Chelsea	2
M'chester C.	1	Huddersfield	2
Middlesbro	1	Newcastle U.	0
Portsmouth	1	Charlton	0
Stoke City	2	Sunderland	1
W. Bromwich	2	Bolton	1

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn	0	Sheffield W.	0
Bury	1	Bradford	0
Cardiff	1	Plymouth	0
Chesterfield	1	Spurs	1
Coventry	1	Leicester	2
Hull	2	Brentford	0
Leeds U.	1	Barnsley	0
Q.P.R.	1	Grimsby	2
Sheffield U.	1	Preston NE	0
Southampton	2	Luton	1
Swansea	1	West Ham	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)

Aldershot	4	Newport	1
Bristol R.	3	Leyton Orient	0
Ipswich	0	Notts County	4
Millwall	1	Walsall	1
Northampton	1	Port Vale	1
Notts Forest	0	Norwich	1
Reading	2	Bournemouth	1
Southend	1	Exeter	0
Swindon	4	Brighton	2
Torquay	3	Bristol City	3
Watford	0	Crystal Pal.	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)

Bradford C.	1	Chester	0
Carlisle	4	York	3
Doncaster	0	N. Brighton	0
Gateshead	3	Darlington	3
Halifax	3	Stockport	1
Hartlepools	2	Barrow	3
Lincoln	2	Crewe	0
Oldham	1	Mansfield	0
Southport	3	Rochdale	2
Tranmere	0	Rotherham	2
Wrexham	1	Accrington	1

IRISH LEAGUE

Ballymena U.	4	Coleraine	1
Ranger	0	Glentoran	4
Cliftonville	6	Ards	0
Derry City	1	Portadown	0
Distillery	0	Linfield	2
Glenavon	0	Crusaders	0

—Reuter.

Bookies Make England Joint 6-1 Favourite For World Cup

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Dec. 27.—Judging by the harsh things said by English football writers about the England - Italy match in London in November, when England were lucky to win 2-0, England might as well not contest the World Football Championship in Brazil, but this point of view is evidently not shared by British bookmakers, who have made England joint 6 to 1 favourite to take the Jules Rimet Trophy.

The co-favourites are the two local nations, Argentina and Brazil.

The Scots will not like to see their price quoted at 8 to 1, or two points higher than England, for it is their view that they will go to Rio as Champions of the United Kingdom, a title which they can obtain by beating England at Hampden Park, Glasgow, in April.

So confident are the Scots of victory in this match that they have booked sea passages to South America.

EVERYTHING LAID ON

Everything is laid on though they continue to stick to their earlier statement that they will not go to Rio except as the British Champions. They could go as runners-up, but for reasons best known to themselves they doggedly refuse to do so.

It was at one time thought that the Organising Committee would pay the expenses of the trip for the United Kingdom Championship winners only. It has, however, been now made quite clear by the Brazilians that they will pay for both the winners and the runners-up.

But still the Scots say that they will go only as the Champions and that they will be the Champions.

If they should lose to England and this is possible it would not only cost them the trip to Rio but the cash deposit they have to pay for berths for the party in the ship which they have already reserved. It would also cost them the British Championship.

MATTER OF PRESTIGE

For the English it is purely a matter of prestige for they are going to Brazil win or lose, but naturally they are not going to take the match lightly. There is the honour of English soccer at stake.

Thus the contest between the two on April 14 is going to be "some game" as the Americans would say. Some of the prices being laid in Britain will cause the raising of eyebrows and possibly some indignation overseas.

The Swedes may not think justice has been done to them as Olympic Champions being quoted at 40 to 1, with the Swiss only a 25 to 1 chance. The Yugoslavs, the Olympic Silver Medallists, may also not appreciate being on the 40 to 1 mark.

And as for the Austrians, well, if they could get their schillings into Britain maybe they would jump at the chance of getting 100 to 1 against their chance.

THE BETTING

Here is the full betting list:

6 to 1 England, Argentina, Brazil;

7 to 1 Italy;

8 to 1 Scotland, Paraguay and Uruguay;

10 to 1 Spain;

14 to 1 Mexico;

20 to 1 Chile;

25 to 1 Switzerland;

33 to 1 Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru;

40 to 1 Sweden and Yugoslavia;

100 to 1 Austria, Portugal, India, Turkey and the United States.—Reuter.

RUGGER RESULTS

London, Dec. 27. The following were the results of rugger games played today.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Barrow 8, Keighley 9.
Castleford 16, Hunslet 9.
Dewsbury 13, Wakefield Trinity 2.
Huddersfield 3, Bradford Northern 7.
Hull 22, York 10.
Leeds 30, Bramley 10.
Salford 11, Oldham 2.
St. Helen's 10, Swinton 5.
Wigan, 23, Leigh 5.

Friendly Matches

Halifax 33, Ystradgynlais 6.
Widnes 13, Liverpool Stanley 10.
Warrington 35, Cardiff 10.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches

Aberavon 8, Bridgend 6.
Bridgewater and Albion 11, Weston-super-Mare 8.
Bristol 8, Old Merchant Taylors 3.
Cardiff 3, Watsonians 3.
Exeter 6, Ebbw Vale 5.
Gloucester 6, Universities Athletic Union 3.
Llanelly 3, Maesteg 6.
Leicester 0, Barbarians 29.
Newport 22, Birkenhead Park 6.
Northampton 14, Birmingham 3.
Pontypool 5, Pontypridd 0.
Rugby 3, Penarth 2.
Swansea 14, London Irish 11.
Old Cranleighans 6, Old Millhillians 0.—Reuter.

Arthur Peall says:

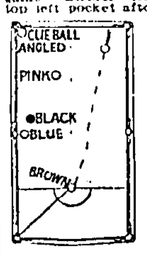
THIS RULING COULD DECIDE THE GAME

I HAVE to give a snooker ruling that, in playing effect decides a game. Striker left angled in the top left pocket after a foul on blue was also snookered by black. Pink could be hit full ball but not on its right edge.

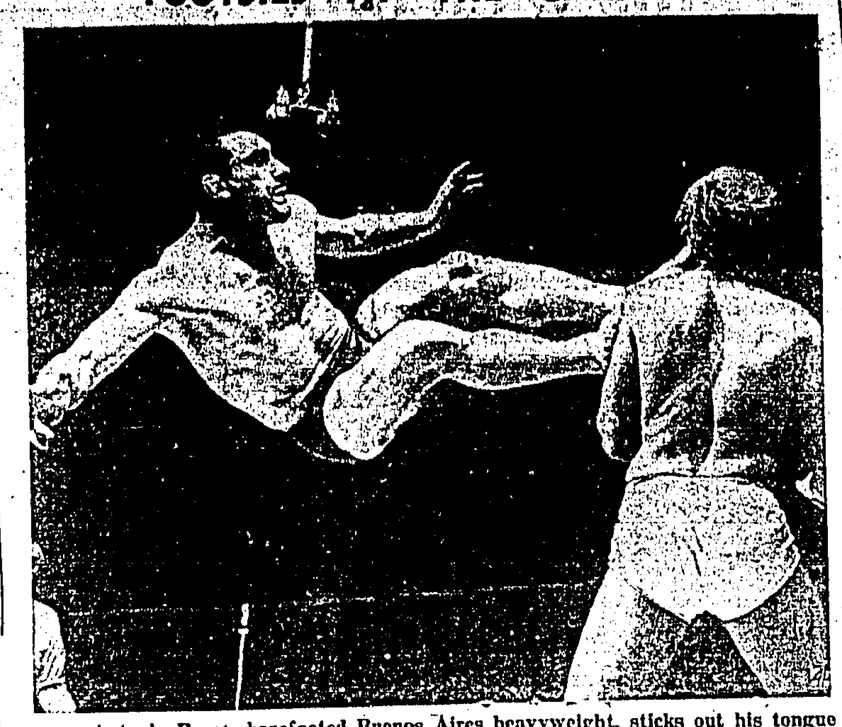
J. Thomas of Pontypridd asks if it is correct for the player to pick up white and pot that easy blue from hand. Yes, he may do so if he wishes. See Rule 12.

One of the hardest long-range shots at snooker is this diagram brown. Any novice might score it and a champion fail by a foot. Take extra care, don't play hastily, because the shot is so uncertain.

Avoid "side" on the cue-ball. You are aiming towards baulk and "side" may curl white very slightly off line, just enough to spoil the right contact with brown, and ruin the stroke.



FOOTSIES AT THE GARDEN



Antonio Rocca, barefooted Buenos Aires heavyweight, sticks out his tongue as he plants his bare feet on the shoulder and neck of Gene (Mr America) Stanlee in their wrestling exhibition at Madison Square Garden, New York City. Rocca scored a fall in 24 minutes, 17 seconds before a crowd of 17,854. — AP Picture.

The "Hottest" Athlete In America Today

By CORNELIUS RYAN

Thanks to television, the "hottest" athlete in America today is an Italian-born professional wrestler who now makes his home in Argentina.

In American slang, a "hot" athlete or entertainer is one who happens at the moment to be at the apex of a sudden and tremendous surge to popularity.

And, for the moment, Antonio "Argentina" Rocca surpasses Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson, Ezzard Charles and all other athletes in attention from the public.

Of course, the names of Louis and Robinson are known to more people, but they are taken far granted; vehement daily discussions of sports fans are centred around Rocca and his "Argentine back-breaker hold" and his "flying head scissors."

Solid proof of the attraction he has is the fact that Madison Square Garden conceded to allow him to wrestle there against Gene Stanlee on Dec. 12. Primo Carnera appeared on the same card.

NOT SPORT LEGALLY

To appreciate this, one must know that wrestling was not allowed in the Garden for many years before last winter, when Gorgeous George brought it back.

The show was a failure that night, and the Garden management said wrestling never would be permitted there again. In the state of New York, wrestling is not legally classed as a sport, but as an exhibition, just like vaudeville.

Rocca arrived in America about a year ago, and was a main-eventer from the start on the basis of his record in South America. Most of the small-club wrestling matches in and around New York are televised, and promoters soon found themselves swamped with ticket requests when "that Argentine fellow" wrestled.

The fans loved Rocca and his flamboyant showmanship, his catlike grace and his "back-breaker" hold in which he lifts his opponent over his head and presumes to break him in two until the opponent capitulates.

Rocca's fame travelled far outside the New York area, and now he can have rich bookings anywhere in the USA. He wrestles two or three times per week, and his income surpasses that of even such boxers as Ezzard Charles or Ray Robinson.

LEAST SURPRISED

Rocca is the least surprised of all men at this turn of events. He feels he was destined for success. He was born in Treviso, near Venice. He entered the University of Vicenza at 14 years of age, he explains, and soon starred in rugby on the university team.

At the age of 16, he weighed more than 200 pounds, and at this time he went to Rosario, near Buenos Aires, to visit his two brothers.

The war started while he was there, so he entered the local university, where he again starred in rugby and swimming. In 1940 a large group of professional wrestlers came to Buenos Aires for a world tournament, and after some trouble, Rocca was accepted as a competitor.

He won the tournament over such men as Dick Shikat, Kola Kwariani, Count Karol Nowina, Rene Michot and Gottfried Grienelzen.

Rocca now is 27 years old, weighs 220 pounds and is six feet tall. His chest expands to 51¾ inches and his waist is 29 inches.

And his popularity apparently is limited only by the capacity of the wrestling arenas.—United Press.

HOSPITAL SHIP BOAT WINS TREVESSA TROPHY

Brilliant weather yesterday favoured the sailing of the Trevessa Trophy which was won by the No. 2 boat from the hospital ship Maine (Royal Fleet Auxiliary) with Ninghai No. 3 (B. and S.) a close second. Ninghai were also successful for third place with their No. 4 boat while Mausang No. 4 (Jardine) came in fourth.

Coxswain of the winning crew of Maltese was Gregory while Ninghai's second coxswain was Stanfield and third Walker. Mausang No. 4's coxswain was J. H. Thomas.

Seventeen boats participated but in the absence of prewar records it is not known whether this constituted a record turnout. It was by far the best since the resumption of competition for the trophy since 1946.

The Trevessa trophy is held for a year by the Hongkong agents of the ship whose boat wins and a shield which is to be kept on board is also presented to the ship.

The trophy is a silver model of a lifeboat in which the master and crew of the ss Trevessa sailed across the southern ocean after their ship had been sunk in heavy weather.

Yesterday, as the wind was light, the race was started from the Channel Rocks, thence round Kowloon Rock to port and then to the finishing line at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. The starting gun was fired at 2.55 p.m. with all the boats fairly well lined up and sails were hoisted promptly to the quarterly breeze.

When rounding Kowloon Rock, the Mausang's boat was in the lead with Ninghai No. 3 and Ruys No. 3 (R.I.L.) close behind. On the run to the Yacht Club places were changed before Kowloon Point was passed and Ninghai No. 3 crept into the lead with Maine No. 2 second and Ninghai No. 4 third ahead of the Mausang boat.

Approaching the finish, Ninghai No. 3 and Maine No. 2, manned by Chinese and Maltese crews, respectively, were neck and neck and the Maine's boat succeeded in just passing the Ninghai's entry to annex the trophy. Ninghai No. 4 ended up third with Mausang No. 4 a close fourth.

The Results

Detailed results, with name of coxswain given in parenthesis, were as follows:

1. Maine No. 2, R.F.A. (Gregory); 2. Ninghai No. 3, B. and S. (Stanfield); 3. Ninghai No. 4, B. and S. (Walker); 4. Mausang No. 4, Jardine (J. H. Thomas); 5. Ruys No. 3, Royal Interocean Line (Jordans); 6. Kutsang No. 3, Jardine (McFarlane); 7. Kweiyang No. 4, B. and S. (Gash); 8. Chungsang No. 2, Jardine (Farquhar); 9. Deucedim No. 2, Blue Funnel (Lovely); 10. Shansi No. 6, B. and S. (Keddie); 11. Valerius, R.I.L. (Klein); 12. Hewsang No. 3, Jardine (Coles); 13. Hupeh No. 2, B. and S. (Pollach); 14. Ruys No. 5, R.I.L. (Kroone); 15. Maine No. 6, R.F.A. (Fisher); 16. Valerius No 1, R.I.L. (Evelant); 17. Hupeh No. 6, B. and S. (Woodcock).

THREE DEAD HEATS IN A ROW

By J. W. TAYLOR

Sportsmen with long memories were not so surprised as some people when the three greyhounds Madgpoll, Good Day and Fanny's Double dead-heated for second place in a photo finish of the seventh race at Stamford Bridge the other week.

Triple dead-heats are not unusual. At Windsor in 1923, Dumas, Marvex and Minkie went over the line dead level, and in 1858, a season noted for five ordinary dead-heats, three horses tied for first place on three occasions in the British Racing Calendar. Thirty years later there was the Sandown sensation when Sea Song and Duece of Clubs dead-heated on two separate outings and at the third decider Duece of Clubs won by a length.

Newmarket of 1885 seems to hold the record. In one race four runners dead-heated for first place in a field of five. In the more recent 1945 Helena Handicap in New York, only four horses ran, yet two double dead-heats were returned. Pindus and Onamax tied for first place and Oatmeal and Petrol Point for second. Not even a photo finish could show a glimmer of light between each pair.

MOST UNUSUAL

Rowing, however, provided perhaps the most unusual dead-heat of all. In Ireland in 1905, Newry and Waterford crews twice rowed a dead-heat in different waters. They went to the Boyne, at Drogheda, for a third decider and the immense crowd gasped in astonishment as the seemingly impossible happened—the two dead-heated for the third time. So the medals for first and second place were cut in half and thus awarded the most evenly matched boat-race crews of all time.

Boxing's most recent dead heat was the welterweight bout between Al Dorland and Pat Kissinger in Kansas City in 1945. In the third round both fighters swung heavy rights at the same moment and down they both went for the count. Six such fights have ended similarly altogether in America and two in Britain.

Harry Chamberlain met George Cunningham in London, and both landed blows to each other's jaw at once. At the count of eight, Cunningham staggered to his feet, only to collapse again for the full count, but because of that partial recovery, he got the verdict. Similarly Jack Meekins and Arthur Everden knocked each other out at Camberwell Baths in 1909. Meekins did as Cunningham had and was promptly declared the winner.

Two Stroke Rounds For English Amateur Golf Championship

London, Dec. 27.—An alteration to the conditions governing England's Amateur Golf Championship might, with advantage, be followed in the Open Amateur event for which entries tend to become overwhelming.

The English authorities are to introduce two stroke rounds next year and the 32 players, together with any who may tie for the 32nd place, will go forward to the match-play stages.

Matches will be over 18 holes until the semi-finals, which, like the final of previous years, will be over 36 holes. This is more in keeping with the American Championship and a point is scored by those who maintain that 18-holes matches do not always produce the best golfer as the winner.

It would be impossible, without hanging an event out to unwanted proportions, to have match-play from the start, but when a championship reaches the important stage of the semi-final it is felt that the 36-holes match is warranted.

STUMBLING BLOCK

It will do away with those cases where the weaker player, purely by a flying start, enough of which he manages to hold to beat the more fancied player, survives a semi-final only to become a stumbling block in the 36-holes final.

No, the player must disclose stamina as well, and if he then manages to get through to the final he will have proved himself worthy of the distinction.

As one high official of the English Golf Union remarked: "It will produce a real champion."

Thirty-six holes semi-finals have been the custom in America and have been suggested for the British event. Now that the English Union, for a championship confined to home-bred players, have made the step the authorities who run the British Open Amateur Championship will no doubt keep an eye on it.

OF BENEFIT

The new system will also be of benefit to those men who, hitherto, have gone to all the expense of booking accommodations and travelling to the championship venue, only to be knocked out in the first round.

This has occurred in the past to first-class players who strike a bad patch against a "rabbit"—the name given to weaker players—much to the annoyance of most spectators and the player himself.

Now the lesser lights as well as the stars will have at least two days of golf while taking part in the qualifying and anybody who can get among the first 32 and so survive for the match-play stages will be worthy of his place in that select band.

Stamina and first-class golf will have got him there.—Reuter.

Ampon Beats Kumar

Calcutta, Dec. 27.—Felicissimo Ampon of the Philippines defeated Naresh Kumar of India 6-2, 6-4, and 8-6 in a men's single match in the Asia Tennis Championships today. — Associated Press.

INVITED TO TAKE CHARGE

Jack Beresford—hero of five Olympiads—has been invited to take charge of the teams travelling to the Empire Games in Auckland by air. Party will number 40 and will leave on January 23. Among them will be oarsmen, runners, boxers, wrestlers, swimmers, weight-lifters and fencers.

Whether Beresford can become commandant of the party depends upon his fellow directors in business.

The Empire Games rowing events are to take place on the Karapiro Artificial Lake, 95 miles south-east of Auckland. The course is one of 1¼ miles of dead water. The river is two miles wide, and can take 17 crews abreast!

Oarsmen will live in a rowing village 300 yards from the finish, where there will be two huts, each housing 45 men.

HE WAS SUPREME

Jack Beresford competed in five Olympiads and won first prizes at three. He raced in eights, fours, and alone in a single sculler. In 1936, at the age of 40, he won in double sculls in Berlin.

Commandant of the entire British team will be Earl Beatty. The general team manager is Mr K. S. Duncan.

One swimmer is going by air, Roy Romain. Ten, including six women will travel by sea. Among the athletes going by air are Don Finlay, Harry Whittle, Jack Holden, Tom White and John Archer. Those travelling on the Tamaroa included John Parlett, Ron Pavitt and Pete Wells.

TALE OF TWO CITIES

In winning his rugby cap for Cambridge at the eleventh hour Brian Jones is the third of the three sons of Mr William Montague Jones, Oxford estate agent, to win his blue or half-blue.

The eldest, Michael, represented Oxford at real tennis. The two who are still up at Cambridge are Graham, water polo player, and Brian, wing three-quarter in Laurie Gloag's place at Twickenham this afternoon.

Brian and Graham, who were both at St Edward's, Oxford, are taking the new tripos in estate management.

—(*London Express Service*)

Rain Interferes With Test

Johannesburg, Dec. 27.—South Africa, with eight seconds innings wickets in hand, need 192 runs to avert an innings defeat by Australia in the first cricket Test here.

South Africa's batting collapsed today and they were all out for 137 runs in reply to Australia's first innings total of 413.

Following on 276 runs behind, they were 84 for two wickets in their second innings when rain stopped play for the day. The match ends tomorrow.—Reuter.

Barcelona Team For Manila

Madrid, Dec. 27.—The Barcelona football team, scheduled to play three games in the Philippines early next month, will leave today by plane for Manila. The players will be accompanied by team managers, including a heart specialist doctor and a Philippino sports writer who resided several years in Spain.—United Press.

SEGURA BEATS FRANK PARKER

Wembley, England, Dec. 27.—Pancho Segura of Ecuador today gained his second victory on successive nights when he beat Frank Parker of the United States, 6-4, 6-2 in the Indoor Professional Lawn Tennis Tournament.

Jack Kramer defeated Richard Gonzales, 6-1, 6-4, to gain vengeance for a straight set defeat which Gonzales handed to Kramer Monday night.—United Press.

Mister Conquest



FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Unfortunate Double Makes Man Blush

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

TODAY'S hand, like yesterday's, is taken from Helen Sobel's new book entitled "All the Tricks!"

Miss Sobel has played bridge in practically every section of the United States, and in several European countries. She went to Europe with Ely Culbertson for an international match. She is a rather uninteresting player to kibitz because she makes all bids and plays look simple. A kibitzer might say that she does nothing spectacular, but he forgets to add, "except to win all the tricks."

Miss Sobel gives us the human side of bridge in her new book. One of her stories is about a "Mr and Mrs" who played against her on today's hand. It was in the early days of the one-over-one system. "In those days," Helen explains, "in order to utilise the one-over-one as often as possible, players were encouraged to bid any four-card suit, no matter how shabby. (I'm very happy to say that those days are gone forever.)"

Miss Sobel sat North. When her partner went to four hearts, West "bellowed the double so loud that even his wife had hopes they could beat the contract." South, "undaunted by the vociferous double, redoubled despite his fantastic heart suit."

The Mr opened the king of spades, which was won in dummy. The Mr's chin dropped a little, because he had been positive that declarer would have to hold the queen of hearts. South led a diamond from dummy, won it with the queen, then led a heart. After playing about five tricks, he claimed the contract, conceding the ace, king and jack of trumps to the opponents.

"When are you going to stop making those stupid doubles?" screamed the Mrs. The poor husband never said a word—but Miss Sobel felt sorry for him.

Helen Sobel

♠ A
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ K J 8 2
♣ K J 3 2

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ A K J 10
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 6 5

N
W E
S
Dealer

♠ J 10 8 7 6 5 3
♥ 5
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 4

♠ 4
♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ A Q 5 4
♣ A Q 10 7

Tournament—Neither vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Double	Pass	Pass
Redouble	Pass	Pass	Pass

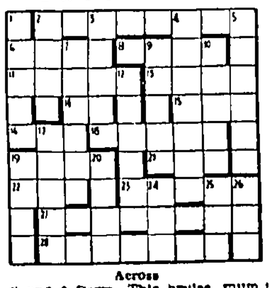
Opening—♠ K 25

Check Your Knowledge

1. When and where did fans originate?
2. What is ecology?
3. What is troposphere?
4. Through what valley did much of the commerce of China travel?
5. What country produces more than two-thirds of all the coffee used in the world?
6. Name the composer of the opera William Tell.

(Answers in Column 4)

CROSSWORD



Across

2 and 6 Down. This bruise, mum! Why, I got it in a very famous building. (7, 6)
6. You will agree any day that this is the half-way mark. (4)
8. The sort of clue that leaves one positively electrified. (4)
11. Smithy. (5)
13. "Sweet are the —— of adversity." (4)
14. Doubled, it's a regular example of something finished. (2)
15. Bond that has sartorial uses. (3)
16. Surprisingly this is got from ore. (3)
18. The Mexican pouched rat. (5)
19. This is a formal command. (4)
21. Five go from a sweet factory. (8)
22. Completely. (3)
23. Alights. (5)
27. A messenger of sorts. (5)
28. Every ruling one doesn't have a nasty ending—or does it? (7)

Down

1. What could be finer? Draw your own conclusions. (5)
2. It may have a tongue but no heart. (4)
3. Strange to find a tin go in here. (5) 4. Prolong. (7)
5. See 2 Across.
7. Lend or just a severe trial. (6)
9. This time is usually a mid-day break. (5)
10. River net. (5) 12. Tallies. (6)
17. Usually done by a grease. (5)
19. Animal colour. (4)
20. One of two. (4)
24. Usually associated with Balsam. (3)
25. To the sun it is several. (3)
26. This tax gives the correct arrangement of words in sentences. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, All squares; 6, Onoir; 9, Noah; 11, Torrid; 13, Weldera; 15, Elis; 16, A.A.C.; 19, Steal; 21, Tich; 22, Via; 23, Last; 24, Malas; 25, Kerb; 26, Stampede. Down: 1, Acier; 2, Lora; 3, Rue; 4, Underrate; 5, Rats; 6, How's that; 8, Ridge; 10, Hitch; 12, Trailer; 14, Leave; 16, Hash; 18, Scare; 19, Sumo; 20, Lisp.

DUMB-BELLS



CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers

1. The fan of the Far East is the most ancient known. Some authorities testify that in China fans have been known since 3000 B.C. 2. The study of organisms in relation to surroundings. 3. The atmospheric layer which extends from the earth's surface to the stratosphere. 4. The Yangtse Valley. 5. Brazil 6. Gioachino Antonio Rossini.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

General Tin's Hunting Trip

—Leo the Lion Chewed Up the Ostriches—

By MAX TRELL

"DID you ever hunt ostriches, General Tin?"

General Tin, who was standing with his musket over his shoulder (as usual) in front of the playroom door, gazed at Knarf for a moment or two in silence. Finally, as though suddenly remembering something, he smiled and nodded.

"Yes," General Tin answered, "I once hunted them. But I didn't do it alone," he added.

Knarf asked who was with General Tin when he hunted ostriches.

"My friend Leo the Lion."

"A lion!" Knarf exclaimed in amazement.

"Oh yes, my boy. Leo and I often went hunting together. We didn't usually make any plans beforehand. But while I was hunting I'd see something moving in the tall grass. And sure enough it was Leo. We were very fond of each other, though ... to tell the truth—Leo was a bit more fond of me than I was of him.

Hunting Ostriches

"One afternoon," General Tin went on, "I decided to go hunting ostriches. And before very long I noticed something moving about in the grass. It was Leo. I told him what I was about, and he said he was about the same thing. So off we went together, looking carefully for any sign of a flock of ostriches.

"Suddenly Leo gave a grunt and stood very still. There, a short distance ahead of us, at the edge of a great sandy plain, was a whole flock of tall ostriches. Some of them were looking for things to eat in the sand, and the rest of them were just standing around, looking at nothing in particular. But all at once they spied Leo and me. And off they went, as fast as the wind."

"Did they fly off?" Knarf asked, knowing that ostriches were birds.

"They ran," said General Tin. "Ostriches can run faster than any bird in the world. They can run as fast as a horse, maybe even faster. They can also run as fast as a lion or as fast as a man — and that's what they started to do now. So Leo and I kept running after them. I'm quite sure they could have left us far behind, except that they did one very foolish thing."

Knarf waited for General Tin to go on.



General Tin stood with the musket over his shoulder.

"When they were a great deal ahead of us, we saw them stop and stick their heads under the sand."

"Oh!" said Knarf. "Why?"

"To hide, my boy, to hide. But it was a silly way to hide. They thought that because their heads were under the sand and they couldn't see us, that we therefore wouldn't be able to see them. In fact, Leo and I could see everything about them but their heads."

"And what happened?" Knarf asked eagerly.

Left Heads

"Before I could stop him, Leo had jumped on and chewed away every bit of ostrich that he could see sticking out of the sand. All he left were the heads!"

General Tin stopped and sighed. "I didn't touch them at all. I just waited until Leo went off to sleep somewhere. Then all the ostriches—I mean their heads—came out of the sand. For a moment they thought they were safe. But when they looked around and saw, to their surprise, that the rest of them had disappeared, that there was nothing left of them but their heads, they all felt so disappointed and discouraged and dismayed and disgusted that they all put their heads together and decided that there was no use going on. So there and then they all shut their eyes and were dead. It was very sad. But that," he said, "is the story of how I hunted ostriches."

MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

IN THE TOP FLIGHT OF THRILLERS

THE SHADOW OF FU MANCHU
By Sax Rohmer
(Herbert Jenkins, 8/6)

A SCIENTIST in America is on the last stages of developing a new weapon which will destroy any aircraft or missile that attempts to enter the earth's atmosphere over a controlled area. Secret agents of many nations gather in New York to find out all they can about this weapon which would give the answer to atomic attack. But someone else is also interested in the discovery—a character very well-known to all readers of Sax Rohmer's thrilling novels, Dr Fu Manchu.

Sir Denis Nayland Smith of the British Secret Service is an old enemy of Fu Manchu, and in the struggle to preserve the secret of this deadly device he goes through some of the most breathless adventures of his career. Attempts made upon his life and upon the lives of those who know the formula, are those of genius, but the long struggle against his devilish, green-eyed opponent has taught Nayland Smith many things.

This story is in the top flight of thrillers. It is topical, realistic, and it will win many new enthusiasts for this long-famous author.

THE RISING STORM
By Dennis Wheatley
(Hutchinson & Co., 12/6)

This is the third instalment in the story of Roger Brook, William Pitt's secret agent, and this time he is sent on a mission to France—the year being 1789—to "assess the probable outcome of the political ferment which was now agitating the whole French nation."

The first two novels in this popular historical series were "The Launching of Roger Brook" and "The Shadow of Tyburn Tree," of which the latter took Roger's adventures up to the opening of "The Rising Storm."

Roger Brook is involved in the leading events of the French Revolution: the taking of the Bastille, the storming of the Palace at Versailles, bringing the King and the Queen to Paris as prisoners and the hanging of aristocrats from lamp-posts by the mob.

Later he goes to Spain and Italy for Marie Antoinette. He is taken before the tribunal of hooded men, he meets the future Lady Hamilton, and he drinks with Robespierre at the Jacobin Club. Adventures are packed in closely, and the whole dramatic European scene of the late 18th century is realistically painted in the true Wheatley manner. Dozens of characters are historical but Mr Wheatley's own creations mingle with them to make a fine historical novel of this exciting period.

(Tomorrow—Recorded Music)

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A LADY who said recently that there ought to be more women in public life forgot that the day of the courteous diplomat is gone.

Even Marshallissimo Mrs Pauker, the Rose of Old Omsk, did not reach her present position by personal charm alone—the kiss given her by Zogov on the down-platform at Belgrade Central Station was an isolated ideological incident—a mere matter of protocol. The kind of slinking, swaying creature who drew a compliment from Palmerston and a bold sideway glance from Thiers would cut no ice in the Kremlin today.

Fragrant memory

"WE were much depressed by the smell." Thus spoke a resident of Edgbaston when the Food Ministry removed "a hundred tons of imported cheese." Presumably the cheese was taken to a more resilient neighbourhood, where the people would be less likely to lose their spirits when the smell became powerful. The idea of eating cheese before it becomes "upish" is, I believe, being considered by several thousand high officials.

Lost illusions

THE complaint of a young writer who seems to have discovered that the literary world is not all he thought it, recalls to me the lines from the song:

A woman like a snorting horse,
With champing jaws and nostril curled,
Has told the critics I'm no good.
Is this the literary world?
Oh, Mother, how was I to know
Such roaring beasts were all the go?

Strabismus to the rescue

DR STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserve), of Utrecht, called in to deal with the petrol chaos, is said to have invented a method by which a very powerful X-ray camera could be used to photograph petrol inside an engine from a distance of two miles. The camera is fitted with a delicate smell-director, which registers on a small sheet of talc or magnesium silicate, the smell of the dye illegally extracted from red petrol, and the smell of the dye put into white petrol.

—(London Express Service)

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

BORN today, you have a keen mind and one which is eminently fitted for taking care of minute detail. In addition, you can see things on a broad scale. Since this is an unusual combination, you may carve out an unusual career for yourself by making full use of these gifts.

You are an excellent organiser and know how to carry a project through from its initial idea to its completed stage. You have an inquisitive nature and like to know everything there is to know about any subject. You know how to fit the small pieces into the larger whole. Sometimes you are too visionary for your own generation and perhaps your most ambitious schemes will fall short of consummation in your lifetime. It is likely, however, that your fame will long outlive you!

Being a great lover of justice, you cannot endure to see the "little man" suffer. You see their faults easily and often know why they do not get ahead in the world. Learn to figure out aids for their rehabilitation and you will be constructive in your criticism.

You are friendly but reserved on first meeting and are only truly at home among your closest friends and associates. You could be a little more emotional without its interfering with your calm plan for life!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be very careful of your personal possessions. Carelessness can avert accidents, too. Be forewarned!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—An unexpected event will prove fortunate for your future prospects. Your ambitions should be favoured.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Take a trip and have an enjoyable time. Business is slow, this week, so enjoy yourself socially!

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A friendship may turn into a romance. A sudden change is likely to prove more beneficial than otherwise.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A good day to change your residence or your occupation if you have been making concrete plans. Act now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Better for love and romance than for business! In other words, the social sphere is auspicious for you.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—A good day in which you should take advantage of all opportunities offered. Take a trip; move to a new location; progress.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Go on a journey if you wish and find a successful ending to some problem. Avoid over-expansion of your budget.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—If restless and in need of a change, this is the time to get variety out of life. Don't, however, be extravagant.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—A new friendship may prove a lasting one. Today, the unexpected is likely to prove beneficial.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A fine day for romance. Make or receive a proposal. If planning a wedding, this is a fine day for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Travel is now favoured. Personal matters should be handled with great diplomacy. Keep the peace at home!

Rupert and a Mare's Nest—37



Before Rupert has reached the ground the dark shape settles on a branch beside him. "Why, it's the Wise Old Owl," gasps the little bear. "Of course, you are the bird that flies by night. You must be the messenger I am expecting. Look, here is the royal seal that your king sent for the birds of Nutwood." "That is indeed an honour," says the owl proudly. "And you, too, have been honoured. I saw you arrive on the king's charger. I must now go to her for orders." And taking the scroll he disappears as silently as ever, while Rupert, feeling very lost, tries to get out of the wood.

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It's a Promise

By Harry F. O'Neill





FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Value Of W. German Currency

Economics Minister On Stability

Munich, Dec. 27.—The West German Deutschemark is today one of the hardest currencies of the world, according to Professor Jochim Erhard, West German Economics Minister.

The Minister, in a speech broadcast by Munich Radio, said today that the West German currency had gained steadily in value and stability during the past year.

He described trade liberalisation as the aim of his policy.

Other countries probably feared German competition more than German industry feared a too liberalised import procedure to Germany, the Minister said.

The Minister said that Germany's biggest hope for the coming year was her admission to the international capital market.

He also said that critics describing him as a too loyal follower of American economic policy were wronging him.

"But," he added, "I am glad to see my economic ideas and plans realised in the American economy."—Reuter.

Israel Builds Up Her Merchant Navy

Haifa, Dec. 27.—Israel is buying new freighters to build up her merchant navy, with the aim of carrying all imports from Europe and America in her own ships.

Four new freighters have been bought for the Israel-Europe Line; according to the manager of the Zim Navigation Company.

They are: the British-built 2,370-ton fruit carrier Hadar (formerly George); another fruit carrier now being built in Stockholm; and two other freighters under construction in Europe.

Negotiations are in progress for acquiring a fifth freighter.

The Israeli-America Line is buying a fourth cargo ship and another passenger ship is to be added to the three 3,000-ton freighters plying between Israel and America.

The country's merchant fleet at present comprises 17 vessels, totalling 55,000 tons, most of them bought this year.—Reuter.

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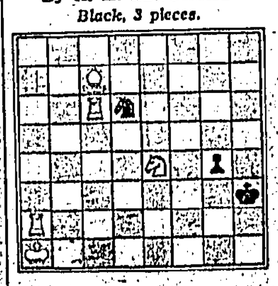
	Closing rates Dec. 27
Canada (dollar)	US$0.88-¾
England—official	2.80-3/16
England—unofficial	2.36 bid-2.39 asked
England,	
30-day futures	2.80
90-day futures	2.80
Australia (pound)	2.24-½
New Zealand (pound)	2.70-½
South Africa (pound)	2.80-¼
Belgium (franc)	.0200-½
Denmark (krone)	.1450
France—official	.0028-½
Holland (guilder)	.2603
Italy—official	.0016
Italy—export	.0016
Norway (krone)	.1510
Portugal (escudo)	.0350
Spain (peseta)	.0910
Sweden (krona)	.1937
Switzerland—free	.2332
MIDDLE EAST	
Egypt (pound)	2.68
Iran (rial)	.03124
Iraq (dinar)	2.80-¼
Turkey (lira)	.0375
LATIN AMERICA	
Argentine—official	.1120
Brazil (cruzeiro)	.0300
Bolivia (boliviano)	.0025
Chile—official	.0325
Chile—free	.0250
Columbia (peso)	.41-½
Cuba (peso)	1.00
Mexico (peso)	.1163
Peru—free	.0665
Uruguay (peso)	.3400
Venezuela (bolivar)	.3010
FAR EAST	
India (rupee)	.2104
Hongkong	.1750

—United Press.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY

Black, 3 pieces.



White, 5 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem: 1, Q—B4, any; 2, Q, R, Kt, or P mates.

Czechoslovakia's Trade Pact With Switzerland

Berne, Dec. 27.—Switzerland today announced the terms of a five-year trade and payments pact with Czechoslovakia, and a "compensation agreement" for Swiss holdings in nationalised Czech industries and banks.

Compensation payments will amount to 71,000,000 Swiss francs, 28,000,000 francs of which is already lodged in Swiss banks, and 43,000,000 to be paid in half yearly instalments.

Liechtenstein was not included in the compensation agreement, as Czechoslovakia is the only country which does not recognise Switzerland's diplomatic representation of the tiny principality on her eastern frontier.

The ruling family of Liechtenstein is understood to have had extensive holdings in Czechoslovakia which have been nationalised since the war. No comment was available here on what action the Prince might take.

The trade pact, providing for yearly reviews, fixed Swiss exports to Czechoslovakia in 1950 at 115,000,000 francs, in return for goods worth 125,000,000 francs.

The Czechoslovak National Bank has been credited with a 10,000,000 franc clearing margin to help firms place long-term orders in Switzerland.

Czechoslovak exports to Switzerland will include iron, sugar, machinery, coal, ceramics, glass, textiles, porcelain, malt, hops and fodder. Swiss exports will include breeding cattle, cheese, fruit, textiles, textile machinery, machine tools, electric goods and watches.

Signed in Prague on December 22, the agreement comes into force on January 1, subject to ratification by the Swiss Parliament.—Reuter.

Pakistan May Seek South African Coal

Karachi, Dec. 27.—Pakistan may approach South Africa for coal supplies as a result of the suspension of deliveries from India, her normal source of supply, usually well-informed circles believed today.

India's Minister of Commerce, Mr K.C. Neogy, announced on December 24 that the despatch of coal to Pakistan would be temporarily suspended "because Pakistan deliberately detained an enormous quantity of jute purchased and paid for by Indian nationals".

If Pakistan takes coal from South Africa it would mean the end of the trade boycott both Pakistan and India imposed in protest against the alleged discriminatory treatment of non-Europeans in the Union.

A temporary shortage of coal is expected in Pakistan and consumers have been urged to make all economies while Pakistan tries to get coal from other countries.—Reuter.

NY COTTON FUTURES

New York, Dec. 27.—Narrow price changes accompanied quiet trading in cotton today. Traders remained in the holiday mood—an attitude strengthened by the lack of new incentives.

Routine mill buying against textile orders and shipper covering on export commitments developed in sufficient volume to absorb moderate hedge selling and liquidation.

Ring observers thought that the present lull might continue until after the holidays.

Apart from the new ECA purchase authorisation to Greece of $1,400,000, which is estimated to be enough to cover about 9,000 bales, the news lacked any fresh feature.

The impending mid-December parity price report to be issued after the close on Friday is another impending event tending to hold down market interest. Traders estimated that the parity price might rise between 12 and 25 points over the mid-November price.

Prices opened two to three points higher and thereafter swayed within a five-point range to close one to four points higher, as follow:—

March (1950)—in cents per lb.	30.68
May	30.46
July	29.81-82
October	29.40
December	29.29
March (1951)	2810
May	28.00 bid
SPOT	31.43

—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Dec. 27. — Grain prices today weakened after a mixed start.

Liquidation and hedge selling in wheat reflected slow domestic flour demand and the prospect of another big winter wheat crop following generous and beneficial rains over the south-western producing area.

Prices closed as follow:—

WHEAT—price per bushel.	
SPOT	1.14
March (1950)	2.10¾
May	2.10¾-⅞
July	1.91¾
September	1.91¾
CORN	
SPOT	1.34½
March (1950)	1.31-1.31⅛
May	1.30⅛-¼
July	1.28⅛-¼
September	1.23¾ asked
RYE	
May (1950)	1.41½
July	1.40¼
OATS	
May (1950)	72¾
July	68½ bid
NEW YORK FLOUR—per 200 lb sack.	12.10 dollars

—United Press.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
Closing Times By Air
Taipeh, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Straits, 3 p.m.
Bangkok, 5 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
Closing Times By Air
Canada and USA, 11 a.m.
Okinawa and Tokyo, 2 p.m.
Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Formosa via Keelung, 9 a.m.
Saigon, 10 a.m.
USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), 2 p.m.
Korea via Inchon, 1 p.m.
Macassar, 3 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
Closing Times By Air
USA and Canada, 2 p.m.
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Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, 5 p.m.
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Singapore, Batavia, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.
Hanoi, Saigon and Paris, 5 p.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Manila, Mauritius, Mombasa, L. Marques and South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
Closing Times By Air
Manila, 11 a.m.
USA and Canada, 3 p.m.
Bangkok, 5 p.m.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was $14,250.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
GOVT. LOANS			
3½%	100		
BANKS			
East Asia ..	100		
INSURANCES			
Canton	305		
HK Fire	220		
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav ..	1.10		500 @ 1.10
LAND ETC.			
HK Land ...			50 @ 50
COTTONS			
Ewo	7.10		
MISCELLANEOUS			
S'hai Loan ..			500 @ 1¼

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling pound note (per £)	15.25
U.S. dollars (per $1)	6.2375
NEI guilders (per 100)	21.60
Siam ticals (per 100)	20.20
Singapore (Straits)	15.52
TIC piastres (per 100)	15.50

Amnesty For Prisoners In Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Dec. 27. — The Yugoslav Interior Minister, Alexander Rankovic, asked today for a "mass movement" to strengthen Yugoslavia's anti-aircraft and air raid defences. In a speech before the Yugoslav Parliament, which lasted for more than an hour, Rankovic also announced that the Government will grant an amnesty to more than 7,000 prisoners.

He said that the Cominform had confused the workers of the world with its attacks on Communist Yugoslavia, and emphasised that there are no internal disturbances in Yugoslavia. Over 1,500 persons imprisoned for Cominform sympathies, have been released in recent months.

Since 1944, Rankovic said, 17,810 prisoners have been set free, of whom 3,403 will have been released this year. Besides that, the government is making preparations to set free an additional 7,305 condemned since the liberation.

Rankovic gave no further details of the amnesty in his speech. On national security he said: "Up to now, about half a million people have been trained and thus included in units of the passive defence (air raid), but this activity must be made into a mass movement."

He said that special instruction courses and lecturers will be organised throughout the country. Of state security, Rankovic said that he believed the Cominform leaders are "not quite convinced that they could bring Yugoslavia to her knees quickly.

STATE SECURITY

He added: "The methods of our state security will remain human and not bureaucratic. The strength of our state security lies in the fact that it is struggling for the welfare of the people who support us. The Cominform is very surprised that Yugoslavia could endure for so long."

He then quoted statistics to show that crimes in Yugoslavia are on the decrease.

Rankovic concluded his address by declaring that the Cominform campaign again had "failed completely".

Franiz Leskoshek, Minister of Heavy Industry, was the next speaker. Parliament convened on Monday to discuss the 1950 budget and other state business. It expires on January 31, 1950.

Leskoshek said that Hungary, Rumania, and the Soviet Union owe Yugoslavia a total of 320,-171,000,000 dinars for goods received, while Yugoslavia has paid 424,624,000 dinars in advance to the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries, for which Yugoslavia received nothing.—United Press.

Attempted Escape From Prison Van

Calcutta, Dec. 27.—Two prisoners were killed, and several others received bullet injuries, when prisoners being carried in a closed police van in North Calcutta suddenly fell upon their guards in an attempt to escape.

The prisoners, who were being carried from Dum Dum, on the northeastern outskirts, to Howrah, in central Calcutta, attempted to snatch rifles from the guards, and in the ensuing scuffle shots were fired.

The driver, hearing the shooting within the van, drove at top speed to the nearest hospital where the van was opened and the injured admitted. Two of the prisoners were found to be dead.—Reuter.

US Airmen Safe Near Tsingtao

Washington, Dec. 27. — Two United States naval flyers who have been missing for 14 months are being held near Tsingtao in Communist China and are safe and well, according to Chinese Communist reports.

The flyers, Elmer Bender and William Smith, disappeared on a flight from Tsingtao.

The State Department today announced that the Communist Foreign Affairs Bureau at Tsingtao during the first week of December informed the United States Consul, Carl Hawthorne, that the men were safe and well in the largest Communist military base just outside Tsingtao.

"Delay in the receipt of this report was due to lack of radio communications with United States officials at Tsingtao," the State Department explained in telegrams to their next of kin.

The Department press spokesman, Michael McDermott, announced simultaneously that the United States Consulate at Tsingtao was closed to the public on October 15 and the Consulate staff is now awaiting transportation to Shanghai and eventual departure from China.

The Department said it is trying to get more information about Smith and Bender and "to effect their release." The Department did not reveal how the report was transmitted to the United States. It was the Communists' first official admission that they were holding the fliers.—United Press.

TUC MOVE TO CURB PROFITS

London, Dec. 27. —The 8,000,000-member Trade Union Congress today called for a thorough Government check on excessive profits in industry to complement its own drive to curb inflation by holding wages down.

In a 5,000-word report on wages policy, the TUC said its General Council would convey to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, its views on "exceptionally high profits which are likely to be made in certain industries as an indirect result of devaluation."

"The General Council are of the opinion that insufficient attention is being given by large sections of industry to the need for avoiding excessive profits."

On wages, the General Council made no suggestion for a standstill on wage earnings, but expressed the hope that "as productivity increases, the earnings of a large section of work people will be increased".—United Press.

10 DROWNED IN RHINE

Duesseldorf, Dec. 27.—Ten people, aged between 16 and 28, were drowned in the Rhine last night when a small boat capsized while crossing the River.

Six others also aboard were rescued.

The party, according to the police, had come from a Christmas celebration and was trying to cross the Rhine in a boat built for eight people only.

Strong currents in the middle of the river caused it to overturn, the police said.

The bodies of the drowned have not been recovered yet.—Reuter.

Elephant Charges Terrorists

Medan, Sumatra, Dec. 27.—Trumpeting loudly, a wild elephant charged a group of terrorists attacking rubber estate guards near Tentara, according to press reports, which stated that as the terrorists were closing in on the hardpressed guards, the elephant, which had been wounded in the first exchange of rifle fire, charged the rear of the attackers, killing one and routing the rest.—Reuter.

Mayor Takes A Wife



Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York slips the ring on the third finger, left hand of Miss Elizabeth Sloan Simpsón during the wedding ceremony at St Joseph's Church, Stuart, Florida. Left to right are David Martin, best man, Mayor O'Dwyer, Miss Simpson and Mrs Edward Bernecker, matron of honour. (AP Picture).

Professional Team Offers Advice To Marriage-minded

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—Before you finally decide to marry the girl, have a good look at her mother—and the girl should have a good look at her future father-in-law. This advice is contained in a book entitled "So You Are Going To Get Married" (Vi Skal Giftes), published here this month (December).

Written by a team of six professional men and women, the book sets out in considerable detail the various aspects of the problems of engagement and marriage.

In its foreword, the book has the old Russian problem: "Before you go to war, pray once: Before you go to sea, pray twice: But before you get married, pray thrice."

In a chapter headed "If Marriage Is To Last," a doctor writes: "One should see one's future mother-in-law before finally deciding. The girl, on her part, should insist on getting to know her future father-in-law."

Although one does not marry the other's party's family, the doctor says, it is vital to know the background of one's partner. In this way, it is possible to get an impression of how one's bethrothed is likely to develop and how he or she will look at the silver wedding.

CARELESS RAPTURE

A thorough understanding of each other's character and faults is vital to any lasting marriage, the doctor adds.

Any false ideas of the careless rapture of engagement are dispelled in a chapter written by a lawyer. Ploughing through any conception of starry-eyed evenings amid soft lights and sweet music, the lawyer opens with:

"An engagement is an agreement between a man and a woman to get married at some future date."

He concludes with the observation that if the engagement is for some reason broken off the parties have a legal right to demand the return of any presents given on the understanding that the marriage would take place.—Reuter.

HO CHI-MINH BROADCASTS TO FRENCH

London, Dec. 27. — Ho Chi-minh, leader of the pro-Communist Vietminh forces in Indo-China, has called on the French people to co-operate with his movement in a bid to achieve peace in Indo-China, according to Moscow Radio.

He was quoted as saying: "On our part, we shall launch a counter-offensive to expel colonisers from our land."

Moscow Radio, monitored here, said he made his demand in an address to the French people, broadcast by the radio station "Voice of South Vietnam." Moscow Radio did not say when the broadcast was made.

He's message started: "As you know, in pursuance of their selfish interests, French colonisers have already for four years been waging an ugly war against our people. They have perpetrated, and continue to perpetrate, terrible crimes in our country."

He said that every year "over 100,000,000,000 francs from your own pockets are squandered on this hopeless war".

"French people, let us join our efforts and try to win our common aim of peace. Increase the scope of the actions you have been taking thus far, demand that the war be ended at once and that your youth be sent back home.

"The reactionary colonisers will be defeated and our peoples will be able to shake hands in an atmosphere of peace and fraternity."—United Press.

Six-year-old Breadwinner Unemployed

Paris, Dec. 27.—Six-year-old Nicole Vaissiere, top breadwinner of her family, is unemployed today because a French judge ruled that big snakes are not proper pets for little girls.

Nicole drew crowds daily to the family sideshow in Montmartre to watch her play with her five-foot Brazilian python. As a feature of the act, she put the snake's head in her mouth.

The judge said that must stop.

Marcel Vaissiere, Nicole's father, protested that the snake was harmless. "Besides," he said, "I think anything would like Nicole."

When the judge stood firm, Vaissiere shrugged his shoulders and said he guessed the family's travelling show would make out somehow.

To keep out of trouble with the courts, he said, the family probably would leave Nicole in Paris with friends when it packed up and set out on its next tour.—United Press.



"Mrs Harman was here today.....Remember the kitten we gave Bobby for Easter?"

Peking To Establish National Trade Unions

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The Chinese Communist radio said that 10 national trade unions will be set up in China before May Day, 1950, to bring Communist China's labour organisation into line with nation-wide economic planning, now that virtually the entire Chinese sub-continent has been unified under the Peking Communist Government.

The broadcast referred to a circular by the All-China Federation of Labour, instructing trade unions throughout China to establish such national trade unions before May 1950.

According to the circular, the following groups of workers will be organised on a national scale: railway, postal and telegraph, seamen, textile, fuel, metallurgical industries (which includes armaments), food, education, publishing and printing, and transport.

NOW UNIFIED

"China is now a unified country," states the All-China Federation of Labour circular, "and there will be nation-wide plans for economy, production, management, and a wage system. It is therefore essential to have national trade unions through which the workers of the entire nation can voice their opinion. Thus, the working class and the trade unions can contribute more in the work of construction.

"Through these trade unions, the cultural and technical level, as well as the class-consciousness of the workers, can be raised, and the fixing of a national unified wage system and workers' welfare regulations in every trade can be facilitated."—United Press.

RAIN EASES WATER-SHORT NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 27.—Rainfall during the past 24 hours added "some four days' supply" of water to the city's reserve, officials estimated today, and Commissioner Stephen Carney said there would be no more cuts until after the New Year.

Carney cautioned New Yorkers, however, to continue to save water and suggested that they add that to their list of New Year resolutions.

Rainfall for the 24-hour period resulted in an increase of 3,910,000,000 gallons of supply, Carney said. The storage in reservoirs stood at 34.8 percent of the capacity, or about 68,050,-000,000 gallons. A year ago the supply in reserve was 121,537,-000,000 or 48 percent of the capacity.

Meanwhile, scientists assembled in this water-short city debunked fears that the world is running out of water and said that oceans can be a source of supply.

SALT WATER

Dr Howard Meyeroff, geologist and administrative secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said that science has already taken machines to convert salt water for drinking purposes "out of the experimental stage."

Dr Meyeroff also speculated that atomic energy may in the future be used as fuel or heat for distilling salt water. He said the chemical technique of conversion probably will remain too expensive, but the evaporation technique is being improved. He said that scientists are approaching the point where the conversion of sea water into fresh is almost as economical as pumping fresh water long distances and altitudes.

Predictions on the future use of salt water were made by Dr Meyeroff, Dr Nelson Sayer, chief of the ground water division of the United States Geological Survey, and Dr Thorndike Saville of New York University. They are attending the annual meeting of the Society here.—United Press.

DRENCHED, BUT HAPPY

New York, Dec. 27.—New Yorkers today were drenched—but happy. The city, critically short of water, had its heaviest downpour of rain since last spring.

With the rain came heat. It was New York's hottest December 27 on record, the temperature reaching 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Officials said supplies in the city's two big reservoir systems had risen by 611,000,000 gallons.—Reuter.

Store Fire In East Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Four persons were killed and five injured in a fire in an East Berlin department store, the Soviet sector city government announced today.

It said the five broke out when fireworks in the store went off.—United Press.

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IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

1950 Figure Will Be Lower

New York, Dec. 27.—Mr Samuel Goldman, Chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, left today on his way to Jerusalem to attend an Agency meeting on January 12 concerning next year's immigration and colonisation programme.

He said that immigration to Israel in 1950 would probably not reach the 1949 figure of 280,000. Most Jews from displaced persons camps in Germany had been dealt with, while Jews in Eastern European countries were not allowed to leave.

The 1950 total might reach 300,000 if the East permitted the Jews there to leave, but this was not likely.

Discussing the internationalisation of Jerusalem, Mr Goldman declared that the United Nations decision on this question was "very unrealistic and unwise".

"The United Nations should never decide anything they cannot put through," he said.

COMPROMISE HOPE

"I can only hope that during the next few months a compromise can be worked out to internationalise the Holy Places of Jerusalem in which Israel will be of accord."

Mr Goldman, who is travelling in the liner Ile De France will fly from Le Havre to Jerusalem.

Another passenger in the Ile De France was Mrs Samuel Halpern, President of Hadassah, the largest Hebrew charitable organisation in the United States.

She said that during her five-week visit to Israel she planned to see the medical work being done in the six hospitals operated by Hadassah. She would also attend the meeting of the Jewish Agency, of which she is the only woman member.—Reuter.

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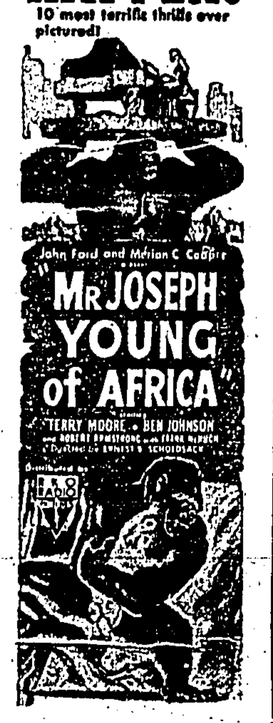
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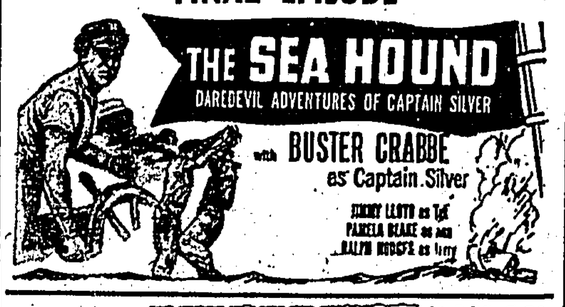


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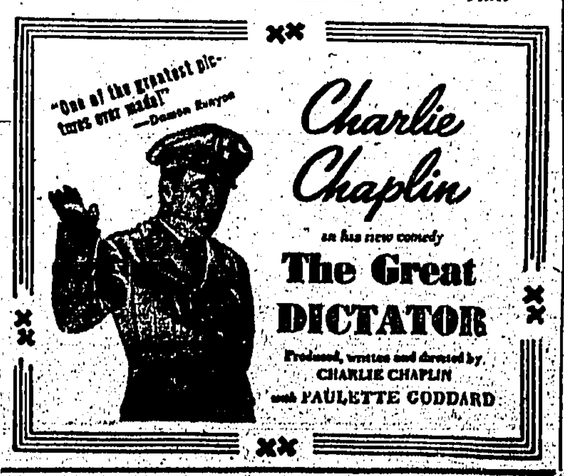
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